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Town council's precept increases by nearly £80k

MAYOR PROMISES SEATON 'WILL NOT CUT BACK ON THE NICE THINGS'

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THE Mayor of Seaton, Cllr Marcus Hartnell, has reassured residents Seaton 'will not cut back on the nice things' after the town's share of Council Tax that residents will pay from April was announced.

The town council precept for 2016-17 will be £306,989, compared to the current figure of £229,841.

Council chairman Hartnell said the increase works out at 41p per week for a Band D property.

Councillors met for an extraordinary meeting on Monday, January 9th to set the budget for the coming financial year.

All councillors have contributed to the budget setting process which began three months ago.

The mayor explained the move by saying: "Seaton Town Council is a very active and busy council, working hard to deliver on multiple projects, whilst continuing to make our town vibrant and welcoming.

"As we take on assets and services from other authorities we must make decisions that ultimately have financial implications.

"As councillors we have to justify those decisions, and the impact they have on our taxpayers."

He stressed that the appearance of the town is very important, saying: "We have chosen not to cut back on the nice things we do, such as Christmas lights in the town centre and seasonal planting displays, as we know residents and visitors enjoy them.

"It would be wrong to stop caring about the appearance of our town at a time when we are attracting a lot of investment, including the construction of a Premier Inn hotel, that will ultimately attract more visitors.

"We are striving to become a more efficient and business-minded organisation, seeking to generate our own income, minimise our operating costs and deliver value for our community.

"The increase of 41p per week for a Band D property, in relation to what we do, and the assets we have acquired in the Town Hall and Marshlands, represents great value."

■ LOCAL groups and organisations have shared a total of £800 from last year's Seaton Carnival. A presentation evening was held in conjunction with the carnival AGM on January 11th. Cheques were presented to: Devon Freewheelers, Seaton Twinning Association, Bellini Bathers, RNLI, Seaton Drama Club, the Fire Brigade, The Royal British Legion, Seaton Youth Football, Seaton Majorettes, Seaton Martial Arts, Seaton Memory Club, Seaton Brownies and Nunsford Nutters Carnival Club.

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Your guide to Education and Fitness in Ottery St Mary

OTTERY ST. MARY ACTIVE LIFE AND MIND

FOR extracurricular activity, Ottery St Mary would receive an A* thanks to the vast range of activities for the public to keep an active mind and an active lifestyle.

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How about learning a new skill? Learning a second language boosts cognitive function, even at old age and Ottery offers Spanish and French classes run by experts Josefina Gori and Sylvie Leroy. Perhaps the skill you always wanted to learn was a martial art? Ottery St Mary Tae Kwon-do and Masakatsu Aikido both are very popular and teach people of all ages.

Or how about learning a skill that could save a loved one's life? First Aid Devon offer regular classes on the incredibly valuable skill. And Holistic Yoga is a great way to stay fit, without putting to much stress into your life.

Maybe volunteering with an organisation that offers valuable outlets to the whole family? Ottery Skate Park are always looking for ways to raise vital funds for the organisation, while Ottery St Mary District and Life Forum are active in identifying issues, relevant to older people and try to find solutions for them, whether this be a table tennis group or meeting up once a month to watch a movie. The Ottery Library will soon be moving into new premises and there is always something interesting going on at the much loved town resource.

There are lots of ways to stay active and happy in Ottery St Mary, with plenty for the whole family to get involved with.

▲ Ottery St Mary Skate Park.

▲ Ottery St Mary Library is a great place to find something interesting to do.

▼ Ottery St Mary Tae Kwon-Do.

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Sunday 6:00-7:00pm All ages/all grades class.

SYLVIE LEROY FRENCH LESSONS

BONJOUR, my name is Sylvie and I first came to England in 1985 after my degree to work in schools as a French Assistant. I was only meant to stay for 12 months but fell in love with England and I have been living here ever since, working for international companies dealing with French and worldwide clients on a daily basis. I moved to Devon in 2010 and started teaching French to adults (in groups) at Ottery St Mary council offices. I have also been providing private tuition to GCSE and A levels students.

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County council balances the books with job freeze

DEVON County Council has introduced a recruitment freeze with immediate effect to balance the books.

The freeze does not include "business critical posts and posts where the council would fail to meet its statutory responsibilities if it did not recruit a replacement worker".

A review will be made in June.

The latest estimates show the budget will overspend by £8.1 million by the end of the financial year unless firm action is taken.

In addition, no temporary or agency staff or consultants – apart from frontline social workers – will be taken on without the personal authorisation of chief executive Phil Norrey.

The projected overspend is mainly due to an overrun of £6.4 million on adult social care because of increased demand.

A total of 10,422 packages of care for elderly people and people with physical and learning difficulties were in place last month. That's 584 more than budgeted for.

There is also considerable pressure on school transport with costs rising on a range of services including home to school and home to college transport and travel for children with special educational needs.

The county council's deputy leader and finance chief John Clatworthy said tough, cost-saving measures needed to be taken.

He explained: "This administration has balanced its budget for the past seven years despite facing multi-millionpound austerity cuts every year.

"We have absolutely no intention of not balancing the books.

"There has also been a relentless, upward pressure on demand for adult services with Devon being home to a higher proportion of people aged over 65 – and especially over 85 – than is typical.

"We are also facing additional costs from added responsibilities such as the introduction of the Care Act and paying the National Living Wage to workers delivering care in the community and in care homes.

"Almost all our neighbours in the South West are facing similar pressures and similar demands on their budgets.

"We have a clear responsibility to care for the most vulnerable children and adults in our county and we will always fulfil that responsibility.

"But we also have a responsibility to maintain an efficient and cost-effective council for our residents and we will not shirk from the tough measures we will have to take to bring our budget back into the black."

Staff numbers have been cut heavily for a number of years.

Mr Clatworthy said: "Since we took responsibility for the county council in 2009 we have reduced the workforce by half from 8,284 to 4,378 cutting the pay bill by nearly £50 million.

"We have made the council more efficient and reduced our overall spending by £244 million."

In a message to staff, chief executive Norrey said: "You are all more than aware that the pressures on the county council's budget continue to grow, with a great deal of uncertainty nationally about the future economic picture.

"As part of our savings programme, a recruitment freeze has now been agreed.

"This means a freeze on all recruitment with the exception of business critical posts, and includes the use of temporary workers, agency workers, interims and consultants.

"While I understand that this may place some additional pressure on you and your teams, we do all need to take collective responsibility for managing the budget."

Extra help with childcare for Somerset families

NEARLY 200 working families across Somerset will have access to an additional 30 hours of free childcare per week.

This is because much-needed government funding to six projects extending early years provision.

Somerset County Council worked in partnership with six nurseries and pre-schools to successfully bid for a combined £1.5million from the Department for Education as part of the government's 30 hours of free childcare offer.

Somerset County Council is also supporting the projects with nearly £350,000 of capital funds.

The nurseries and pre-schools will now invest in new buildings, convert old buildings and upgrade their facilities, allowing more spaces for the families that decide to take up the 30 hours offer that will be introduced from September 1st.

Cllr Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, said: "Many hardworking families find that they struggle with the cost of childcare.

"The funding we have secured from the government will ensure that nearly 200 new early years spaces become available, enabling nurseries to offer the new 30 hours of funded childcare to those families."

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New species of deer on Trinity Hill

An unrecorded species of deer has been spotted for the first time at East Devon Local Nature Reserve near Axminster.

Nature watchers are excited by the sighting of Sika deer which were spotted recently at Trinity Hill near Axminster.

Although the Sika deer is well established in the UK, it's never been seen at Trinity Hill, a site which is managed by East Devon District Council's Countryside Service.

It was sighted by local resident and keen bird watcher Sue Murphy who spotted three Sika deer, including an impressive mature stag (pictured), on one of her regular trips to the popular reserve.

The sighting was reported to the East Devon service, and recorded on iRecord, a website used to log wildlife sightings across the UK.

Sue said: "I've been a regular visitor to Trinity Hill since I moved to the area about a year ago. I mainly visit looking for birds, however it's a great habitat for a wander as I never know what I'm going to find. Seeing three impressive Sika deer only about 15 metres away was the biggest surprise I've had yet. I was able to stand quietly and watch them for about ten minutes before they disappeared into the woods. It was amazing!"

Countryside Team Leader (Sites), James Chubb said: "You'd expect an animal as large as a Sika deer stag would be hard for our rangers to miss up on the expansive heath, but this is a new record for us on the site and we are really pleased to have it passed to the Countryside Service."

Cllr Iain Chubb, East Devon District Council's portfolio member for the environment, added: "This sighting is very exciting. It really illustrates the value that our regular visitors bring to our sites in helping us monitor and record the wildlife at our reserves."

Fiona Matthews, Head of Mammal Ecology at the University of Exeter, said: "Sika deer are not native to the UK, but are well-established here. They can breed with red deer and are usually associated with conifer woodlands and heath, so the habitat at Trinity Hill looks just right for them. This record is at the very edge of their known distribution, so it will be interesting to see whether they spread any further west."

The Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve lies on the southern edge of Axminster and is a heath popular with local dog walkers, horse riders and wildlife watchers. As part of the site's ongoing habitat management, it is grazed by Exmoor ponies during the summer, which helps to maintain the heathland habitat for threatened wildlife including adders and nightjars.

A Sika deer photographed at Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve by Sue Murphy.

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New chairman for Devon Wildlife Trust

Dr Peta Foxall is the new board of trustees chairman at Devon Wildlife Trust.

The board determines the trust's strategic direction and, like all the charity's trustee board members, Dr Foxall's position is an unpaid, voluntary one.

Dr Foxall's background is in senior positions in the fields of education, science and health.

She holds a PhD in biological chemistry and worked at Great Ormond Street Hospital before gaining a senior lectureship at the University of London.

More recently, she was Professor and Director of Postgraduate Programmes at the University of Exeter Medical School and chairman of the school's research ethics committee.

In her personal life, Dr Foxall describes herself as a "committed volunteer".

She is a public governor of the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust and works in her local community village shop. She also owns and manages an ancient woodland on the banks of the River Taw in Devon.

Dr Foxall will lead a 15-strong board of trustees for Devon Wildlife Trust, which has more than 31,000 supporters.

Chief Executive Harry Barton said: "To be able to appoint someone of such experience and expertise is wonderful news for our charity.

Dr Foxall looked forward to her new role and said: "I have worked with world-renowned hospitals and universities in London and Exeter and know that Devon Wildlife Trust has the same organisational integrity, commitment and courage as those centres of excellence. Fostering an ethos of enjoyment in working together means we will have the insight, flexibility and strength to address the challenges and uncertainties that come our way as a wildlife charity."

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Former film club donates £1,000 to children's hospice

by Anders Larsson

CHILDREN'S Hospice South West (CHSW) has received a £1,000 donation from the defunct Seaton Film Club.

The donation follows previous ones to The Gateway and Seaton Memory Café, with more to come.

In early 2016, when circumstances combined to determine that the club should cease to exist, it was decided that funds accrued over the years should be distributed to worthy causes in and around the Seaton area.

Members of the film club have been generous in their support of CHSW over the years, and it was decided that a donation should be made towards new audio and visual equipment at Little Bridge House Barnstaple, one of the three CHSW locations across the South West.

CHSW Axe Valley fundraiser Pauline Leach said: "It was such a generous donation."

She regretted that the club had dissolved but stressed what a legacy of community cohesion had been left behind.

A spokesperson for CHSW added that they were delighted and thankful that Seaton Film Club had been associated with the Axe Vale Friends Group and had been so steadfast in their support of CHSW.

The first and largest donation was made to the trustees at the Gateway Seaton for an even more up-to-date piece of projection equipment.

The Memory Cafe in Seaton was the first of the smaller community causes to benefit from financial assistance, and other local groups are to benefit in the coming weeks.

■ PAULINE Leach (centre) handing a cheque to Josh Allan (right, CHSW area support manager) and Eddie Farwell MBE (co-founder and CEO of CHSW)

Variety tickets on sale

GET your tickets quickly – that's the message from the organisers of the 2017 Beer Variety Show scheduled to take place at the Mariners' Hall on January 27th, ***writes KEVIN FAHEY***.

"Last year was a sell-out and we are hoping this year's show will be the same," said Christine Perkins, who is one of the organisers.

"We have 130 tickets, the same as last year when we were turning people away."

Since replacing the annual panto in 2015, the variety show, with its mixture of song, dance and comedy sketches, has established itself as a 'must-see' event in the opening month of the new year in Beer.

"This year we again have a variety of acts including Norman West, Moira Izzard, a ukulele band, a newcomer in Chris Trevett and local children who will be singing, dancing and doing some ballet," added Christine.

"There will also be a very short, but funny, rendition of 'Sleeping Beauty' either side of the interval, plus Nigel Freathy, the former vicar at St Michael's Church, will again be the master of ceremonies."

As last year the tickets, costing £7 for adults and £5 for children, will include a ploughman's supper. The doors open at 6.30pm with the show commencing at 7.30pm.

"There will also be a bar available upstairs, coffee, tea and ice cream plus a raffle," said Christine.

Tickets are on sale at the Beer Post Office.

Building society gives boost to local groups

SEATON Hospital League of Friends' Hospicare@Home, The Windsor Fellowship (based at the United Reformed Church) and The Children's Society (Axe Valley Children Centre) have been given £100 each by the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation.

Stuart Carrington, of Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants and proprietor of the Yorkshire's Seaton agency, said: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came in and nominated a charity for a donation during our 'Small Change Big Difference' month-long campaign.

"At Yorkshire Building Society we are committed to being at the heart of our community and I hope these donations will enable the charities to carry on their wonderful work here in Seaton and the wider area."

The charitable foundation is funded through the Small Change Big Difference scheme where members donate the pennies from the annual interest on their accounts to help charities and good causes.

A total of 1,000 charities and good causes got to share £100,000 after being nominated by people at Yorkshire Building Society branches and agencies around the UK.

For more information about the Small Change Big Difference scheme and the Charitable Foundation visit www.ybs.co.uk/charitablefoundation

Local RNLI branch plans 50th anniversary celebrations

THE Seaton, Beer and District branch of the RNLI is planning a programme of activities to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2017, ***writes KEVIN FAHEY.***

The first event will be an SOS Table Top sale on Saturday, January 28th in the Mariners Hall, Beer, followed in the evening by a night of music in the Dolphin Hotel's Long Bar.

Branch secretary Wendy Cummins said: "It's 50 years since our former secretary Barbara Harding formed the [local] branch.

"Barbara raised funds for the RNLI for many years before this and the Arun Lifeboat 'Roy and Barbara Harding' was named after her and her late husband Roy Harding, who was trials officer for the RNLI."

The table top sale will run from 9am-12.30pm and tables, which will cost £6, can be booked from Ian Rangeley (tel 07813 043301).

There will also be bacon rolls and refreshments plus stalls selling bric-a-brac, books, cakes, jam and chutney, house goods and toys.

There will also be a display of branch and RNLI archives collected by Wendy.

The music night is being organised by Steve and Mandy Graham and there will be singing and music by Steve and guests. Donations can be made to the RNLI.

Other dates for the RNLI include the AGM at the Dolphin Hotel on Wednesday, March 8th and Wendy's 40th Anniversary Sponsored Walk, which has provisionally been booked for Sunday, May 14th.

Wendy also confirmed that £476.63 was raised at the Tesco Seaton Christmas Collection on Friday, December 16th.

Outdoor learning is fun 'whatever the weather'

COUNTRYSIDE education rangers with East Devon District Council (EDDC) say outdoor learning is not just for the summer.

Schools can arrange year-round outdoor sessions with the education rangers to help children get the most out of learning about nature and the outside world.

Education ranger Meg Knowles said: "Winter provides some excellent outdoor learning opportunities which help encourage children to get outside and explore, whatever the weather, as long as they are dressed appropriately.

"School groups and families can join us to become nature detectives – looking for clues and evidence left behind by animals, and learning how animals and plants have adapted to survive their environment and the changing seasons.

"Our sessions include carrying out exciting hands on experiments, making a cosy dormouse nest, hiding nuts whilst playing the squirrel game and building a bird feeder to help the birds survive the colder months."

The rangers have recently held sessions with children from Shute Primary School and Foundation Stage Unit Leader Gilly Clark said: "Working with the education rangers at Seaton Wetlands engaged the children in practical, hands on activities.

"We had a fantastic day in the beautiful wetlands setting, taking part in games and activities which linked to our topic on nocturnal animals.

"The day was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole class, including parent helpers."

To find out more visit wildeastdevon.co.uk or contact the rangers directly via education@eastdevon.gov.uk

Calling 111 should be 'first port of call'

DOCTORS in Devon say the free NHS 111 phone service should be the first port of call for people with flu and other winter-related conditions.

The number of people with flu and other winter-related conditions is putting hospital and GP services under strain.

Dr Tim Burke, a Devon GP and chairman of the NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Our hospital A&E departments are currently very busy so we'd ask that you only visit if you have a serious or life-threatening condition.

"We know it is worrying when you become ill suddenly, so use the fastest source of advice and support – which is the telephone service NHS 111.

"It's free and available round the clock. You'll speak to a trained adviser, supported by healthcare professionals, who will assess your symptoms and direct you to the local service that can help you best."

The guidance is to call 111 is:

- you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
- you think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service
- you don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call
- you need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

Dr Burke said: "A&E departments need to be able to concentrate on the most seriously ill and injured patients. If it's not an emergency, please visit or phone your pharmacy, minor injuries unit or NHS 111."

Doctors are also reminding people to look after themselves and others in the colder weather.

Revolutionary new system helps teach people to drive

A DRIVING instructor from East Devon has created a revolutionary system to help teach people with diverse needs how to drive.

The ingenious system, which has been designed by David Light, is a dashboard head-up display system which shows the student driver symbols to help communicate the instructor's instructions.

David Light has been a driving instructor for 45 years, in which time he has achieved more than 800 driving test passes with a first-time pass rate of approximately 80 per cent.

Mr Light said: "One of my main aims has always been to find a new and better ways of teaching or coaching new drivers and to find ways and means to be able to reduce the time taken in teaching vehicle control skills. Which is where the Communicator-Plus comes in."

"The Communicator-Plus was primarily designed for the deaf and hard of hearing, but through intensive trials, I found it to be a very good communicator to all people with learning difficulties, such as dyspraxia or dyslexia.

"The system can also be used for teaching people who do not have English as their first language, in fact it is completely universal."

Incorporated within the Communicator-Plus is a recognisable coloured light system known as the Co-ordinator, which helps students learn the basics of vehicle control by means of a visual display.

Mr Light added: "This light system will help turn a conscious effort into a subconscious skill, which drastically reduces the time in learning co-ordination skills. For people with learning difficulties a driver training system has been developed, to work alongside the Communicator-Plus, which is used to evaluate a student's understanding of visual instructions before it is used in a vehicle."

The Communicator-Plus is completely controlled by the instructor, and can be used as an interpreter for diverse needs when conducting a practical driving test.

Mr Light has been working on the system for more than eight years and has been able to perfect it over the last three.

He is appealing to the parents who may be struggling to find instructors that his system does exist and he will be willing to meet with them to discuss how it works.

Mr Light can be contacted on 01404 871400 or by emailing info@d-lightdrivingschool.co.uk

To see a video of how the system works visit http://bit.ly/2jfVyw9

■ DAVID Light's ingenious invention is set to help students with diverse needs learn how to drive

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Allan's all set for 80th birthday skydive

AXMINSTER pensioner Allan Hill is set to celebrate his 80th birthday on February 3rd by doing a skydive.

Apart from celebrating his birthday in style, he'll be raising money for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Because of generous people, Tesco and its customers, Mr Hill has had to revise his fundraising target upwards.

His initial target was £1,000, but the response has been so good that he has upped it to £2,000.

He is grateful to Tesco in Axminster for allowing a collection on January 9th, with another one to follow on January 26th.

The first collection raised more than £250 and Mr Hill has already broken through the £700 barrier.

He describes himself as a determined person, but says there is nothing "mad" or "brave" about his skydive.

The idea formed a while ago, and Mr Hill said: "I wanted to do something for my 80th that would benefit something worthwhile.

"All you get after a party is a sore head. I looked around and came up with a skydive.

"Growing old is inevitable but growing up is optional."

Mr Hill is not new to skydiving, having tried it at the tender age of about 70.

He has, however, had two artificial hips fitted since – but doesn't appear overly concerned.

Mr Hill also rides a motorcycle, and said: "Like all riders I hope never to have to use the ambulance service, but it is comforting to know it's there.

"I am extremely grateful to everyone who has sponsored me or provided fundraising support by donating prizes and so on, including businesses in and around Axminster plus Select Windows in Honiton."

Donations can be made online through Mr Hill's fundraising page at http://bit.ly/2j5iFvr

■ **SUPPORT:** Tesco community champion Rob Cope (right) lends a hand to the effort

Kim and Carole enjoy creating stunning festive floral displays

■ **AXMINSTER residents Kim Oatway and Carole Hanna were praised by the tutor when taking part in Christmas flower arranging workshops at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall.**

The task was to make festive table arrangements using a variety of foliage, flowers, candles and some unusual materials including chocolates and leucadendron.

Award-winning tutor Jackie Nicholls from Ashville Design said: "Carol and Kim each made a beautiful festive table arrangement which I know will be admired by everyone who dines with them. Adding very pretty lights to their designs was the ultimate finishing touch – proving even more that these two ladies certainly know how to sparkle."

Carole said: "I really enjoyed this workshop and felt very pleased with what I created.

"My friend Kim and I agreed that our arrangements turned out better than expected and we learnt a lot of new ideas.

"It was very relaxing and great fun."

Kim and Carole are pictured above. *Photo by JACKIE NICHOLLS*

Co-op manager praises customers' generosity

AN AXMINSTER supermarket manager and his staff have praised the generosity of customers

James West, manager of the Co-op's West Street branch, said: "During November we were approached by a charity called Smile At A Stranger from Exeter, wondering if we would support their cause of asking people to fill a shoe box full of items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, cleaning items and blankets."

The charity supports homeless people in Devon, and Mr West added: "We advertised it on Facebook and in store and the response we got was amazing and we wanted to thank the community of Axminster. All the boxes were collected in December and taken to the charity's warehouse."

■ MR West about to see the boxes off

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New owners of Weycroft Hall reveal their plans

THE new owners of Weycroft Hall, on the outskirts of Axminster, have felt the full force of recent cold snaps.

Vince and Clio Turner bought Weycroft Hall last autumn. Clio told *Pulman's:* "If we wanted a posh place in the countryside we wouldn't have come here.

"There is damp, mold and it's cold – but there is also something in the spiritual history of the place that thrilled us."

The site was once a Roman Army base, but Weycroft Hall was most recently let by its previous owner, George Newton, to tenants who ran it as a Christian conference centre.

Mr and Mrs Turner, who have three children, both come from the South West but pastored a community church in central London for 16 years before moving here.

They do not plan to run their own church at Weycroft Hall for the time being, although there will be a church influence.

Mr Turner, who also has a background in the Royal Navy, said: "The place must pay for itself, but will also be very much about showing God's love and involving the community – a place for the love of God to pour out."

The building will need a lot of tender loving care as parts of it are in a poor state of repair.

For example, family members had to wear extra clothing as there is no central heating in the building.

It was only when they bought a wood-burning stove for the living room that some sense of normality arrived

Mrs Turner said: "We know it will be a long-term project."

Mr and Mrs Turner revealed plans for holiday lets, wedding receptions and groups coming to stay be it scouts, musicians and so on, but stressed they are at an early stage.

University of Exeter Choral Society has already stayed and practised before a road trip, and Axe Valley Community College held its staff Christmas party at Weycroft Hall in December.

College bosses were so impressed they issued a press release, saying: "The setting was very festive with a roaring log fire and even a visit from Father Christmas.

"Mr and Mrs Turner were such wonderful and generous hosts."

Mr and Mrs Turner regularly attend Crossroad Christian Fellowship in Seaton and have praised members of various local churches for help received during their first months at Weycroft Hall.

VINCE and Clio Turner outside their new home

Actor 'choked on hospital fish pie'

AN inquest has heard that former 'Star Wars' actor and Axminster resident Gordon 'Drewe' Henley died after choking on his hospital fish pie lunch.

He died at the age of 75 on Valentine's Day, February 14th 2016, at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

The inquest at County Hall in Exeter heard he was halfway through eating his fish pie lunch on February 14th when he choked and nursing staff were unable to resuscitate him.

Cause of death was confirmed as asphyxia and contributing to his death was aspiration pneumonia, obstruction, bipolar and drug-related parkinsonism.

The inquest continues.

Councillors praise Christmas lunch

AXMINSTER Town Council will write a formal thank you letter to the organisers of the Axminster Christmas Together Christmas Day lunch, which was held in the Guildhall.

The lunch was open to anyone in the Axminster area who otherwise would have spent Christmas Day alone.

Town councillor Douglas Hull, who attended the event as volunteer, told fellow councillors: "I suggest the town council writes to Lesley Frankau and her team and thank them for a fantastic Christmas Day lunch."

Councillors agreed it was a good idea to write a letter.

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Town council money to increase by nearly £50k

ADDITIONAL staff, new projects and a regeneration fund are among the reasons for Axminster Town Council's Council Tax precept increasing from £147,367 to £195,934.

Councillors met on January 9th to discuss next financial year's budget.

The town council has budgeted for the hiring of a handyman, managing the Pippins building and the forthcoming takeover of Jubilee Field.

Mayor Cllr Paul Hayward also said that the town council is starting a five-year rolling regeneration fund for the town, which will require £16,000 next financial year.

Councillors are 'fine tuning' the regeneration fund and will make a comprehensive statement on it and the precept in the near future.

Winning numbers drawn

JO Huxford and Amanda Forster from Axminster Arts Cafe were asked to conduct the most recent prize draw for Axminster Tourist Information Centre's 100 Club.

There were 28 players and tickets held by Lesley Frankau, Anne Ruddick and Rita Oaten were drawn.

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Don't change Beer!

DON'T change Beer too much – that was the over-riding tone of the survey recently undertaken by the Coastal Community Team.

Richard Scott and a team of volunteers conducted the survey on behalf of the Beer Coastal Community Team over the summer talking to as many tourists and visitors as they could.

Mr Scott recently handed over his report to district and parish councillor Geoff Pook and he gave a basic summary to councillors at their final monthly meeting of the year.

"The big thing that came out from the report was that people don't want too much change," said Cllr Pook.

"It seems that basically the majority of people who visit Beer are happy with the way things are at present but there was acknowledgement that some things could change like toilets and access to the beach.

"We may also want to look at making better use of assets like the fishermen's huts and Sea Hill but nothing too drastic.

"On the whole the report gives a rosy, satisfying picture of Beer from people all over the country."

Cllr Pook will present a full report of the findings at a later date but other stats that grabbed attention were that 9.5 per cent of visitors interviewed were from Birmingham and the West Midlands and they proved to be the biggest geographical group.

"Seven per cent of visitors came from within Devon and 6.6 per cent were from Bristol," added Cllr Pook.

A grant of £10,000 from the Coastal Communities Team allowed the parish council to conduct the survey with a view to instigating a business plan to enhance the appeal of the village for visitors.

That followed an inaugural public meeting in September last year at which various representatives from the fishing, beach, tourist, retail and landowners' communities debated the issue.

A committee was formed at the meeting and has since been discussing issues.

The meeting was prompted by the decision of Beer Parish Council to engage in discussions with EDDC on taking over the responsibility for managing the village assets such as the beach, Jubilee Gardens, toilets and the common with its car park near the caravan park.

Cllr Pook is hoping that, following lengthy discussions, the deal can be finalised in 2017.

Seaton 'Child Genius' father accused of sexually assaulting girl in his car

A SEATON father – who featued in Channel 4 show *Child Genius* in 2013 – has appeared in court, accused of sexually assulting a girl under the age of 13 in his car last year.

Yuen Lung Terence Lai, aged 53, of Primrose Way, ***pictured right,*** did not enter a plea.

Mr Lai, who previously worked as Senior Police Inspector in Hong Kong, was given conditional bail and will appear at Exeter Crown Court on February 3rd.

DanceFit classes return after festive end-of-term display

THE JM DanceFit Little and Junior Starz* children, from Seaton Primary School, ended their autumn term on a high with two energetic Zumba displays enjoyed by parents and family.

All of the Little and Junior Starz* were awarded well deserved certificates of achievement for their hard work.

Johanna Morgan, Zumba fitness and dance instructor, said: "I was so very proud of both the Little and Junior Starz* and their end of term performances.

"In addition to the weekly classes, the taster performances given at the end of each term are a great way to help increase both the children's self-esteem and confidence."

The classes, which allow children to have fun while improving both their confidence and fitness levels, started again at the school this week.

New children are welcome to join the termly classes whether they attend the school or not.

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Goose Fayre wins award for having 'sustainable place in community'

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ORGANISERS of Colyford Goose Fayre were delighted when the event won an award from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

The traditional event won category three in CPRE's Our Outdoors competition, for having a special and sustainable place in the community.

A representative from CPRE recently visited Colyford to present a certificate and glass plaque to Tim Wheeler, chairman of Colyford Goose Fayre Committee, and Colin Pady who reinvigorated the historical event in the 1980s.

The committee also received £200 prize money and a year's free membership to CPRE.

The Our Outdoors competition provides an opportunity for people of all ages and from all walks of life to work together to bring about improvements in their community by promoting social cohesion and increased focus on the great outdoors and, above all, improving the understanding of the importance of preserving and sustaining the countryside for future generations to enjoy.

At the presentation of the award, a representative from CPRE said the Goose Fayre had "ticked every box" for the competition.

He congratulated all those involved in organising the event, adding" You really have epitomised the spirit of what CPRE is about."

Mr Pady spoke about the history of the Goose Fayre, a medieval event that was revived in the 1980s. He said the event had helped to mix long-term residents of Colyford with those who were new village and had become a "wonderful thing for young and old".

On accepting the award, Goose Fayre Committee chairman Mr Wheeler said the prize was not just for the current committee, but for all those who had been involved with the event over the past 36 years.

■ PICTURED right, Colyford Goose Fayre chairman Tim Wheeler, founding member Colin Pady and other committee members collect the award from Campaign to Protect Rural England

History society start year with film screening

COLYTON Parish History Society will kick off the New Year with a special screening from the South West TV & Film Archive, presented by Villages in Action.

The screening will be held in Colyton Town Hall on Wednesday, January 25th, starting at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend this first meeting of the year for the history society.

Record ShelterBox collection

ORGANISERS of the Christmas collection in aid of ShelterBox would like to thank all those who supported the fund for emergency relief, in lieu of buying Christmas cards.

Colyton and Colyford raised a record total of £1,052.00, which was described as "tremendous".

Organiser Jane Dauncey commented: "We have received a letter from ShelterBox thanking us for our regular support. The current focus is Syria where Shelter Box are providing tents and contents so that families have somewhere to live."

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Headteacher warns of King's School funding crisis

THE headteacher of The King's School has sent a stark warning to parents that national cost saving measures will have 'a lasting and negative impact' on their children's education.

In a letter to parents of King's students, Rob Gammon slammed the recently announced Fair Funding scheme laid out by the government which will see the Ottery secondary school lose around £123,000 from their school budget

The King's School currently receives nearly £300 less per pupil compared to the national average which results in around £260,000 less funding a year for the school already. A similar issue is reported throughout schools in Devon.

The Department for Education recently launched a new funding formula, which will see 10,000 schools gaining money and a similar number losing.

The DfE are saying the 'crucial' reforms will tackle the 'historical postcode lottery' in school funding and that funding every child fairly and according to their specific needs 'sits at the heart of the government's pledge to build a country that works for everyone, not just the privileged few'.

Mr Gammon wrote to parents after the pupils returned from their Christmas holiday to make sure the parents understood the severity of the situation.

Mr Gammon wrote: "Whilst we have taken some significant action to alleviate our deficit budget position, our current projections over the next couple of years will dwindle our contingent reserves to nothing.

"The resultant scenario on top of the real terms reduction to our school budget, compounded by the announcement and full implementation of the new formula as it currently stands, dictates that our school financially will reach a real crisis point in the next three years.

"We are an Ofsted recognised 'outstanding' school, and whilst we will continue to remain committed to looking creatively at trimming costs, we are reaching the point where the cost saving measures will now have a lasting and negative impact on the education of young people.

"We will start to see a narrowing of the curriculum pre- and post-16, larger class sizes, less in-class support for students and a squeeze on administrative support.

Mr Gammon then asked the parents and the carers of the students to help raise awareness situation.

Mr Gammon wrote: "As a school community, we are therefore seeking your valued support in raising awareness of this urgent situation facing out school and to petition the Secretary of State, Justine Greening, and your local MP to consider an urgent solution to mitigate the impact of the present crisis.

"Beyond the immediate budgetary challenges, we cannot emphasise enough the vital need to respond to the national funding formula consultation to redress the inequalities, deficiencies and flaws in the system and the funding of education more generally."

The school is also offering parents and carers additional support to understand the complex issue of school funding as outlined above by hosting an information evening on Thursday, January 26th at 6pm in the school canteen.

If you wish to attend the meeting email office@thekings.devon.sch.uk by Friday, January 20th to confirm that you want to attend.

Those in attendance are also welcome to attend the PTFA meeting which is at 6.30pm.

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Win tickets to 'The Twits' in library competition

OTTERY Library is giving one lucky family a chance to win tickets to a performance of Roald Dahl's classic 'The Twits'.

The library is set to move home later this year and it has been given a family ticket (for four people) to the 7pm performance of 'The Twits' at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, on Monday, February 27th.

The library is asking Ottery's youngsters to draw a picture of a house where the Twits could live.

A spokesperson for the library said: "For a chance to win the tickets, kindly donated by the Northcott Theatre, we want you to draw us a picture of a house where you think the Twits might like to live. It can be pretty, ugly, big or small. A castle or a beach hut maybe? It's up to you.

"Draw the Twits new home on A4 paper and put your name, age and phone number on the back of your entry."

The 1980s classic children's book revolves around a hideous, vindictive, spiteful couple known as the Twits, who live together in a brick house without windows.

The competition is open to ages six and up. The closing date for entries is 6pm on Friday, February 17th.

PCSO gives town council crime update

AT THE Ottery Town Council meeting earlier this month, PCSO Maria Clapp gave councillors and the public an update on the incidents that took place over the Christmas period.

Recorded crimes for December 2016 stood at 18, compared to 10 for the same month last year.

Incidents included two thefts of bicycles, two thefts from a motor vehicle (one being the aerial) and the other incident involved a window being smashed and a bag taken from behind the driver's seat.

PCSO Clapp also told councillors that words of advice were given to both parties involved in a racial incident.

She also reported an incident of fraud, an incident of arson, as well as two parcels that were stolen from a porch in West Hill.

The recycling centre at the Bowd has seen three incidents where people have climbed over the gate and items stolen, after dark.

Also, in West Hill, two vehicles were damaged with a sharp instrument.

Also in December, an aborted attempt to steal a motorcycle resulted in the bike being dumped in a gateway after the culprit failed to hotwire it.

And there was also an attempted burglary at the Aquatic Centre.

Sensors were set off, and PCSO Clapp assured the council that the offender was being interviewed shortly afterwards.

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Lynda's back at Honiton Art Society

HONITON ART SOCIETY: Former theatre and TV designer, Lynda Kettle, made a welcome return to the art society this month, giving a lively watercolour demonstration.

Her subject was a French patio scene which she had already started with a detailed pencil drawing; this was important for accuracy when architecture was part of the picture.

Lynda uses stretched Arches 300gsm paper, a heavy paper that can be scrubbed clean without damage if necessary.

For this sunny scene she chose bright, sunny colours; manganese and ultramarine blues were used for the paintwork of the window, carefully applied with a number three sable brush.

She then wetted the paper in the foliage area before applying the blues and windsor purple for the shadows using a ten brush, and adding a transparent yellow for the sunlit greens.

Although Lynda prefers to mix her own greens she does use perylene green for the darkest shadows, stressing the importance of really dark darks to contrast with the lights.

She believes in using the best quality paints as these are are more lightfast.

Warm colours used in the foreground were mixes of raw sienna and burnt umber with touches of cadmium red.

As a focal point Lynda added some interior detail, emphasising the importance of composition and tonal contrast to draw the eye into the picture.

As she worked, Lynda offered useful advice and tips such as painting pictures of the same dimension so that frames can be bought in bulk and reused.

A mount placed around her patio scene was the final touch to set off a vibrant watercolour.

Lynda was thanked for her inspiring demonstration by Paddy Forster, standing in for Chairman Barrie Raby.

The next meeting of the Society is on February 13th at Awliscombe Village Hall, from 2 to 4pm, when David Norman will give a townscape watercolour demonstration. All are welcome – visitors £4

Former Yeti speaks to Probus Club

AXMINSTER PRO- BUS CLUB: Members could not recall a speaker including son- gs or poetry in their address to the club.

Things were to change when at their January meeting Bonny Sartin rendered both – in a Dorset accent.

Bonny had been a member of The Yetties for 50 years since they formed as an amateur group in Yetminster, were 'discovered', turned professional and toured the country with their dialect music and humour. Their fame led to travel all over the globe, the production of 14 albums and at least one gold disc, which Bonny was proud to display.

He had an endless flow of stories about their travels, lost equipment, dodgy food, hectic schedules and stran- ge happenings.

On one trip the flight case containing all their instruments, costumes, etc, went missing and they relied on the local British Embassy staff to find substitutes, largely from their pantomime box. This was in India.

The case turned up some days later in Tokyo!

The Yetties disbanded when the youngest of the group reached 65, but Bonny still performs once or twice each week and gives frequent talks on 12 Dorset-related topics.

Axminster Probus Club looks forward to hearing from him again soon.

The Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington on the first Tuesday of each month.

Prospective members are always welcome. For further information ring 01460 220528.

Send your club reports to Francesca Evans at Pulamn's View From Newspapers, Unit 3 St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3EA or email francesca@viewnews.co.uk

New Year talk on growing and using willow

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COLYFORD: We started the New Year with a very interesting talk about growing and using willow.

Richard and Suzanne Kerwood of Windrush Willow came with a varied selection of their attractive baskets, plant supports, birds and fish.

Richard continued to weave a plant support while explaining about the history of the craft, the large number of varieties of willow, preparation requirements to give the different colours, etc.

Subscription monies were collected during tea and final arrangements were made for the New Year meal later in the month.

A number of ladies expressed an interest in joining teams for the area rounds of the county quiz in February and members were given details of two competitions that will be judged prior to the Spring Council Meeting.

The talk at the February 1st will be about the city of Exeter. For more information contact Elizabeth Harding on 01297 624250.

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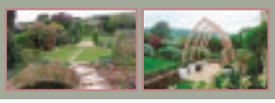

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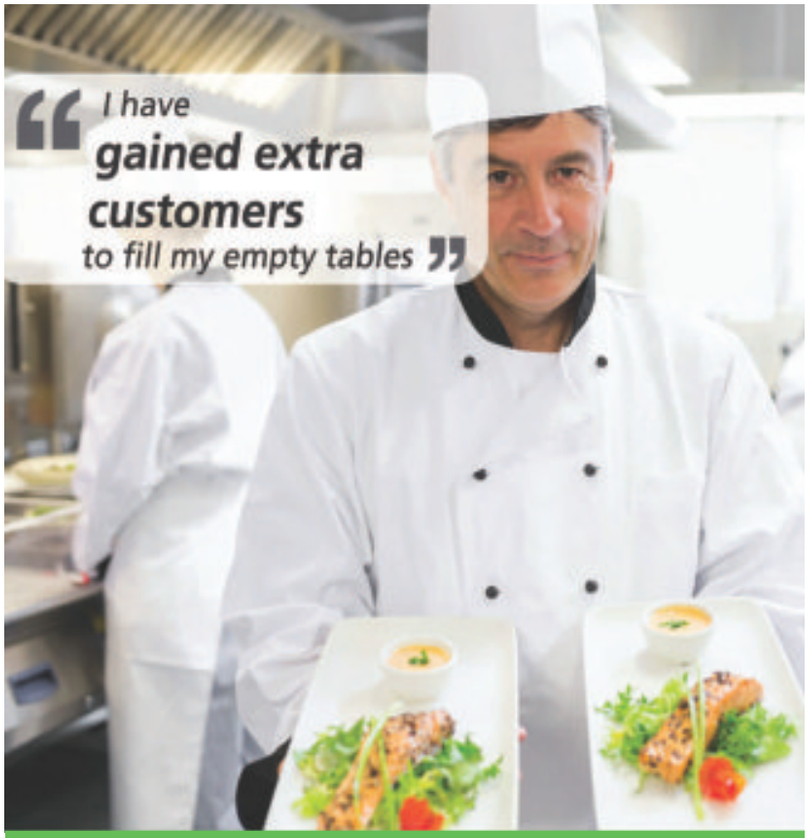

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Chamber chairman: road closure is putting people off coming into town

THE partial closure of West Street is putting people off coming into town, according to Axminster Chamber of Commerce chairman Shane Morgan.

Western Power Distribution started work on January 9th and says the closure will last no longer than three weeks.

Diversions have been put in place to stop motorists accessing West Street from the Tesco roundabout.

Traffic in the other direction (leaving the town centre via West Street and the Tesco roundabout) is unaffected.

Having listened to feedback from chamber members, Mr Morgan said: "The general consensus is that it is causing a huge inconvenience and putting people off coming into town.

"The only good thing is that it is one way; you can exit the town by Trafalgar Way.

"There is never a good time of the year for this, but I'd rather have it now, straight after the Christmas and New Year period, than during peak holiday periods. They are unavoidable these things, unfortunately.

"The quicker it is out of the way, the better."

The town's largest employer, Axminster Tools and Machinery, has two sites in town, including a shop next to the closure.

A company spokesperson said on January 12th: "At the moment we are not aware of any major issues regarding impact on the Axminster store, although the works are planned over a number of weeks so it may be a different story in a couple of weeks' time.

"Getting to the store from Millwey isn't a problem, the inconvenience would be more to customers having to come to Millwey from the store for a customer collection.

"Currently staff do not appear to be having a major problem getting to and from work and, in many cases, it is only taking a few minutes more to get to work."

A Western Power Distribution spokesperson said: "The work we are doing involves the removal of a redundant substation in West Street.

"Working with Devon County Council Highways and councillors it was agreed that closing one lane of traffic was safer than using traffic lights on this busy road.

"The lane closure will be in place for up to three weeks while the works are completed.

"We apologise for any inconvenience to residents and visitors and aim to keep any disruption to the absolute minimum possible."

Musbury school raffle raises more than £500

MUSBURY Primary PTFA raised more than £500 from its Chrsitmas Luxury Raffle, with all the prizes donated by local businesses.

The money raised will help to fund improvements to the outside play area.

"We wanted to get some really great prizes to encourage ticket sales, and are so grateful to all the businesses who have been able to support us by donating," said PTFA secretary Eleanor Carr.

River Cottage, Exeter Chiefs, Axminster Flamingo Pool, Castlewood Vineyard, Tesco and Jurassic Coast Holiday Home Management all gave generously so that the prizes include a swim card, tickets to events, a £100 voucher for travelsupermarket.com, and a huge festive hamper.

The children and their parents worked really hard selling tickets to friends, family and neighbours, as well as at Axminster's Festive Friday.

Musbury Spar and The Golden Hind also sold tickets to the local community, and Pecorama donated a family day-ticket as a separate draw for the children to encourage families to sell as many tickets as possible.

Musbury School was threatened with closure only a few years ago but its fortunes have been turned around.

The school initially joined a federation and, more recently, Head of Teaching and Learning Jayne Vanstone has overseen a near doubling of pupil numbers.

She said: "I went to a village primary myself and know what a special environment it is.

"It has been a privilege working with pupils, parents and supporters as this lovely school enters the next phase of its long history.

"We have a great outside area and we can use it even more if part of it was covered. The raffle will contribute funds towards this aim.

"We need to use the outside more and so need to improve access for the children."

PTFA secretary Eleanor Carr added: "We are chuffed to have raised such an amount, as fund raising in a small school can be a challenge.

"We did the draw on the last day of term after the church service, and it turned out that many of the prizewinners were present, which was really lovely.

"Those not there were contacted later that day. Once again a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

"We hope this will be a raffle we can do every year for Christmas."

Garden club meeting next Monday

MUSBURY Garden Club's first talk of 2017 will take place in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm, on Monday, January 23rd.

An experienced speaker will give practical advice on how to look after all types of lawns.

Refreshments will be served from 7pm.

All are welcome, and the entry fee for non-members is £2.50.

Make yourself at home in Axminster's very own COSTA

A NEW Costa store, which opened in Axminster town centre on Saturday, promises to be at the heart of the local community and will create seven new jobs for local people.

The new 2800 sq. ft Costa store – which was officially opened by the Mayor of Axminster, Councillor Paul Hayward, on Saturday was unveiled by South West Costa franchise partner Jurassic Coast Coffee, a company with a history of community involvement and charitable giving.

This is demonstrated by its decision to sponsor Axminster and Chard-basedcharity The Project, which supports young people across East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset aged 13-24 suffering from mental health issues. As well as providing fortnightly peer support groups for young people, The Project also holds monthly meetings for parents and carers, as well as offering a programme of creative and social activities for young people, designed to develop self-esteem and support, enhance and improve emotional and mental wellbeing.

Costa has chosen to support The Project with a cash donation and a cheque will be presented to The Project's founder, Debbie Humberstone, at the official opening.

Debbie comments: "I am delighted that Costa has chosen to support The Project and am extremely grateful for their financial contribution to the range of important services we offer for young people and their families.

"We are always really keen to build links with organisations within our town, as a way of raising awareness around the mental health challenges facing young people. It is something we are passionate about, and feel is equally as important as the financial support so generously offered.

What is more, the new Costa will provide much needed employment and training opportunities for young people in the town, and I wish the store team every success."

The new Axminster Costa will create seven new jobs in the area and will provide much needed training and apprenticeship opportunities for young people.

Commenting on its opening, the Mayor of Axminster, Councillor Paul Hayward, said: "I am delighted to be opening the new Costa coffee store in Axminster. The new Costa will not only create new jobs, facilities and opportunities for local residents but will also provide another fabulous reason for visitors to come to Axminster, explore and take advantage of all that our town has to offer.

"I wish store manager Phil Hoare and his staff every success."

Jurassic Coast Coffee, the locally-based franchise company behind the new store, is a strong supporter of helping young people from across the South West get back into employment, offering them training and apprenticeship opportunities both in-store and at its dedicated Costa Training Academy in Tiverton.

Julian Burton, Costa's Operations Manager, said: "We're so pleased that the Mayor of Axminster and Debbie Humberstone from The Project could join us for the official opening of our new store.

"We want to imbed ourselves as part of the community and what better way to do that than involve ourselves with the young people of the town. As well as providing financial support for The Project, we will also be raising awareness of the excellent work they do by distributing their leaflets and posters in the new store, where we expect young people and their families to be regular customers.

"We look forward to welcoming them, and the local community, to enjoy the Costa experience with us."

So, what can Axminster residents look forward to from their new favourite coffee shop? Local man Phil Hoare will manage the new store in Axminster, having previously run Costa stores in Lyme Regis and Sidmouth. Living only a few miles from Axminster, Phil knows the area well and can't wait to bring the nation's favourite coffee and the customer service that goes with it to local residents.

Costa is creating employment for seven local residents, all of whom have been provided with comprehensive barista training to be able to serve customers with Costa's full range of delicious coffees, using the Ferrari of coffee machines that Costa employs throughout all its stores.

So, whether you have time to relax and enjoy your cup or you are grabbing a take out, fabulous coffee is to be expected. Costa welcomes everyone. Think of the new Costa as your own sitting room, toddler group or office away from your office, making use of the free Wi-Fi in our wheelchair friendly cafe. Come and relax and let Costa take care of the coffee.

Plus, look out for one of the 5,000+ buy-one-get-one-free vouchers which have been distributed around Axminster.

PICTURED above, the Mayor of Axminster, Councillor Paul Hayward, cuts the ribbon outside the new Costa in town centre, which has reported three busy days since opening. The mayor was joined by Debbie Humberstone from local charity The Project, who accepted a donation from Costa and discussed with staff how they could work together in future.

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Rethinking the act of Remembrance to help today's brave heroes

ALTHOUGH I have never served in the Armed Forces, I am a big supporter of the Royal British Legion.

You don't have to have seen active service to become a member and an increasing number of those in civvy street now play an important role in the Legion as well as the huge army of volunteers - many here in East Devon - who turn out to collect for the Poppy Appeal, surely the UK's most high profile charity.

They do tremendous work helping ex-service personnel and the families whose lives have been shattered by various conflicts throughout the years.

It's a stark fact but there has only been one year -1968 - since the end of the Second World War when a British serviceman or women has not been killed.

The work of the Royal British Legion really comes under the spotlight at Remembrance time in November. This year, the Legion is asking the nation to "Rethink Remembrance" by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too.

For many people, Remembrance is associated with the fallen of the First and Second World wars.

While we always remember those who made the supreme scarifice in the two world conflicts, the Legion wants to raise awareness of a new generation of veteran and service personnel that need support.

I'm now the proud president of my home-town branch and recently attended a conference at Bovington Camp in Dorset where a number of presentations highlighted the huge amount of work that goes on behind the public face of the Legion.

Much of this work goes unregnised by the public but tremendous effort is constantly put in by Legion staff campaigning government to ease the plight of those affected so badly by putting their life on the line.

There are active Legion branches throughout *Pulman's Country* whose members do a superb job in ensuring that those who fight so valiantly in the cause of freedom are cared for and not forgetten.

This column pays tribute to them all.

AXMINSTER REMEMBERS: Mayor Paul Hayward leads the wreath laying at the Axminster War Memorial on The Minster Green last November

Get yourself a proper job, son!

■ MY first week at work in August 1965 was pretty traumatic and made me wonder why I had chosen a career in newspapers.

I was working as a junior reporter for the Exeter-based evening paper, *Express & Echo,* assigned to the Honiton office.

It was my first Saturday in the job, a glorious August afternoon.

My father was a retained firemen in Lyme Regis (part of the Echo's circulation area at that time) and in those days chasing fire engines was a part of the job.

My dad was summoned to the fire station by a bell ringing in the house and as I followed him out the door a neighbour told me there was an horrendous accident at the end of our road. Whilst my dad ran up to the fire station I sprinted along Anning Road to Church Street where a runaway lorry had crashed into the London Inn.

It was carnage and I will never forget looking into the cab of the runaway lorry and seeing the passenger, a young man with a shock of white-blond hair, who was severely injured. It was the first time I had seen anyone dead. There were many other casualties.

It did not take long before all the other reporters in the area were on the scene with my mum later making them cups of tea and sandwiches in our front room as they exchanged notes and wrote their stories in their notebooks.

The following week I went out with my senior reporter, David Haydon, to a farm fatality at Payhembury (also a bit gruseome) and a couple days later smelt burning flesh for the first time when there as a serious fire at a camp site near Charmouth.

It was some introduction to my first job!

The following Saturday, as we sat down to tea, my mum advised me "to get a proper job, son". She lived to 94 years-old - and it was a view she held until her dying breath.

These days local reporters rarely get close to any serious incident but it was a different story back then.

Letting the train take the strain

I HAVE written many times over the years about how lucky we are to have the railway line running through *Pulman's Country.*

As a regular user from Axminster Railway Station, I find the South West Trains' service to Waterloo generally efficient with few cancellations and late arriving trains.

The ticket office staff at Axminster are brilliant, always keen to get regular travellers the best deal.

There used to be an advertising slogan for the railway - "Let the train take the strain".

That is certainly true for me as I sometimes travel from Axminster to London three times a week.

I always go first class as I can plug in my computer and work on the way to my office in South East London and on the return journey.

This means changing at Clapham Junction and catching a Southern train to Crystal Palace which has turned out to be a nightmare in recent months with frequent cancellations and strike action over whose responsibility it is to close the doors - the driver or the guard?

I feel for those who have to use this service on a daily basis.

The cost of travelling first class between Axminster and London is extortionate but having a senior railcard helps keep the cost down, although discount cards are not acceptable on the early morning trains.

But letting the train take the strain is a better solution for me than driving, having to negotiated the M25 during the rush hour or crawlong around the South Circular.

On occasions when I do drive it sometimes means spending nine hours a day in the car which apart from being exremely stressful is not good use of my time.

My only real complaint about train travel is the state of the onboard toilets. By the end of the day they are usually disgusting and it seems that in this day and age it would be possible to come up with a more hygeinic solution. And a little more heat in the carriages in the evenings at this time of year would be appreciated.

Some of my friends and colleagues think I am mad leaving home at 6am and very often not returning until late in the evening. They are probably right!

London hotel prices make it prohibitive to stay overnight, although my son lives fairly close to my office and occasionaly I stay over which gives me the chance to see more of my first granddaughter, Ella, who has just celebrated her second birthday.

And that makes it all worthwhile, believe me.

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Disabled access as it should be at church

■ IN RESPONSE to Gilly Warner-Mill's letter (December 6th), I sympathise with her frustration concerning the lack of disabled access to Seaton shops.

I had believed the law now required disabled access, and should have thought ramps could be kept handy at doorways and the shopkeepers alerted to put them in place by providing a bell at wheelchair level.

In regard to the same criticism of churches, I am pleased to tell her that Seaton Methodist Church does have a specially-built ramp to the entrance, which goes round a raised flower bed. At a normal morning service there are people to help at the door.

Wheelchair users are welcome to choose where they sit (chairs can be rearranged easily) just like everyone else.

An increasing number of wheelchair users are now regularly worshipping at our church.

JANET LANG,
Seaton

Thanks for help after tripping over

■ A BIG thank you to the friendly people of Seaton for helping me when I tripped over in town and fractured my shoulder on Friday, December 9th.

Helpers from the Malt House and neighbouring shops gave me first aid and called Seaton's 'first responders' to attend.

They got me comfortable and were followed in minutes by an ambulance with a wonderful team of paramedics who diagnosed a potential broken bone and whisked me off to A & E at Exeter (well sedated by morphine).

Luckily, X-ray showed my fracture was of the type that doesn't require setting, so after nursing care and advice, I was allowed to go home the same evening and I am now recovering and feel quite well.

Congratulations and thanks to the emergency services and everyone in Seaton who helped to prevent my 'little accident' from becoming a crisis.

BARBARA PRIESTLEY,
Seaton

Don't leave valuables on show

■ PLEASE warn people of car break-ins at secluded spots. I was recently dog walking at Dodpen Woods, which is off the B3165 Crewkerne road.

I arrived there at 2.15pm and returned at 3pm. In front of me was a young family with three children and the passenger window had been smashed in their car.

She had tried to conceal her handbag under the passenger seat, but not well enough – it had gone, along with her purse, credit cards, iPhone and driving license.

The message is, do not leave anything visible in your car.

There are opportunists out there looking for easy pickings.

JOHN MARSDEN,
Raymonds Hill

Surgery concerns over bed closures

■ WE NOTE the following statement which appears in the Honiton Surgery Newsletter No 3: "The doctors and staff of Honiton Surgery are very concerned about the planned closure of Honiton Hospital [beds].

"While we recognise that financial cuts have been made and that the NHS has to consider how to get the best healthcare value from the existing budget, we are very worried about the impact of this closure on our most elderly, frail, vulnerable patients and their carers.

"We are sceptical that proper levels of care will be provided at home and would like to know how much of any savings will be returned to the health community – we believe that the figure will be low because of shortfalls elsewhere.

"We have held discussions with Neil Parish MP and written to voice our concern to Angela Pedder, the Chief Executive of the Success Regime."

I think, along with the views of nurses who attended our packed public meeting, this powerful statement nails any impression given in the recent CCG consultation that medical staff support local bed closures.

Clearly most local doctors and nurses do not support the closure plans.

I hope thse views will be given the respect they deserve.

TONY SIMPSON,
Honiton Senior Voice

When you bag it, make sure you bin it

■ I NOTE with interest the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) currently being reviewed and in particular the changes relating to dog control rules.

I feel that there is a fairly important section missing from the orders as advertised in your Jan 3rd edition.

Whilst I am certain that the majority of dog owners in East Devon bag and pick up their dog's poo, there needs to be a clause inserted spelling out that this should then be disposed of responsibly.

From my own extensive observations a minority of owners seem to think that a bag left on a pavement edge, a convenient wall or in a nearby bush satisfies the terms of the current PSPO. Those who intend to pick it up on their way home seem to forget where they left it!

I intend to write to EDDC with these observations but would be interested to note if other readers share these views.

I extend my advance apologies to those very many responsible dog owners to whom these comments are not directed and who I'm sure share my thoughts.

PETER WRIGHT,
Honiton

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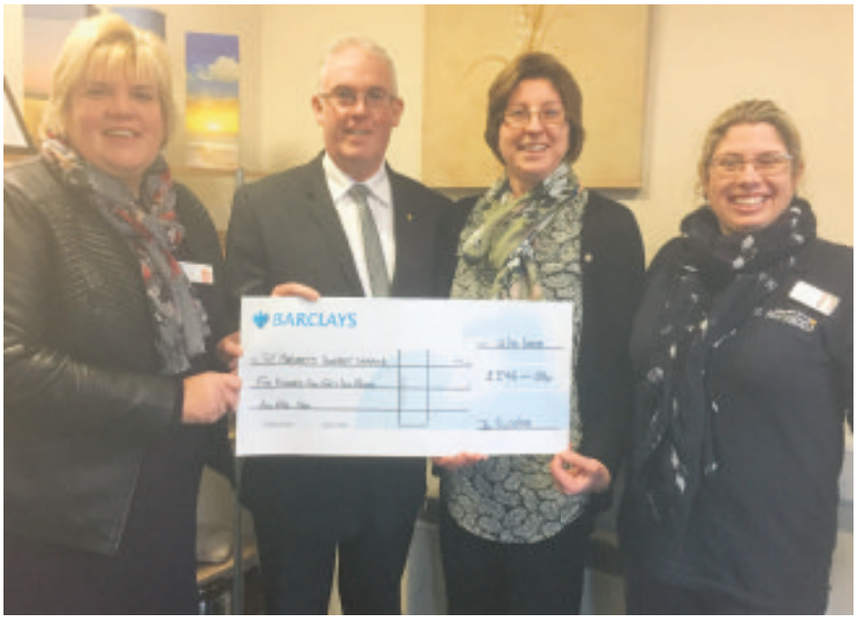
Christmas Remembrance

OVER the festive period there was a Remembrance Tree in the office of B. Gibbs Funeral Services. The people of Chard, Ilminster and the surrounding area were invited to place a star in memory of a loved one upon the tree. Those wishing to could also make a donation to St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice.

The sum raised was £346.28 with B. Gibbs Funeral Services also pledging £200.00 to make a Grand total of £546.28. Barry and all at B. Gibbs Funeral services would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who placed a star on the tree and to all those who made such generous donations.



▲ Pictured are Teresa Coombes, Head of Inpatient Services, Barry & Claire Gibbs and Sharon Pavey Community Fundraiser

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THE 16-YEAR-OLD PINCH

by Vicky Shaw, Press Association

THE New Year is often a time when people try to take a good, hard look at their finances. But for parents of teenagers, the amounts being shelled out on their offspring may come as a shock when the outgoings are added up in the cold light of day.

Financial pressures may have also changed quite a bit since parents themselves were teens - with gadgets like mobile phones, tablets and laptops now part of the routine expenses for many households.

Research from Aviva suggests parents typically spend more than £28,000 raising a teenager.

Excluding household costs such as food and energy bills, parents typically put the average cost of raising a son or daughter from the age of 13 to 19 at £28,767.

The age of "sweet 16" seems to be a particular pressure point financially.

While parents say they spend just over £4,100 a year on raising a teenager on average, the average cost rises to £4,800 for a 16-year-old.

So what makes the cost so high?

Aviva took into account birthdays and special occasions, holidays and gap years, food and drink outside of the regular supermarket shop, clothing and pocket money.

Technology plays a major part in ramping up the cost, according to the findings. More than half (53%) of parents spend on technology for their teenagers, such as mobile phones and laptops, forking out £225 per year on average.

It's clear many parents also feel under pressure to open their wallet. Almost half (45%) of parents with teenagers feel pressured to spend more on them, with the biggest source of pressure being put down to teenagers themselves, the research found. And if applying the pressure on parents doesn't work, making them feel guilty for not spending more is another popular teenage tactic.

• Even if your offspring are planning to fly the nest in 2017, parents should not necessarily expect they can draw a line under their financial commitments to their children.

Aviva also found another £15,406 is needed by parents on average to help each child between the ages of 20 and 25 years old - a time when many young people may "boomerang" back into the family home after leaving university.

Meanwhile, research from the think-tank the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) suggests younger generations are going to be increasingly reliant on the "bank of mum and dad" - even after their parents have died.

The IFS found that, in general, younger generations are more likely to receive an inheritance than older generations were. But it also warned that today's young adults will find it harder to create their own wealth than previous generations, as some struggle to get on the housing ladder.

• So how can parents create better relationships with teenagers where money is involved? Here are some tips from Louise Colley, customer propositions director at Aviva:

1. Talk to your teen about managing their finances and make sure they know the basics of budgeting, particularly at key milestones such as moving away from home for university or college.

2. Encourage them to put money aside each month and take responsibility for managing their own money.

3. Be open about the family's finances, particularly as teens get older.

4. Plan ahead. If your teen is planning to go to university, make sure they understand how much money they will receive and how to make this last.

Money Matters

WHAT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT TAX RETURNS

How to avoid a penalty and reduce your tax bill

Over 10 million people in the UK are required to submit a tax return yet around 4 million still haven't sent it in – are you one of them? – you only have 14 days left!
Last year around 870,000 taxpayers missed the deadline and got a £100 penalty. That's a whopping £87 million for HMRC.
If you haven't started your return yet – don't panic – just take a look at our tips below:

- **You only have until this Friday, 20th January, to have any hope of meeting the deadline if you need information from HMRC.** You need to be registered online to submit your return so dig out your User ID and password. You can request a copy but it will be sent in the post and can take 7 days.
  If you're a first timer then you'll need an activation code and these are only sent out in the post and again can take 7 days.

  Remember that we can submit your return for you without you being registered if you've left it too late.

- You'll need your UTR number – you can find this on most letters from HMRC.

- **It can take as little as 30 minutes to fill out the form online** but you will need to have the right information to hand so take some time to dig your P60 if you're employed (and P11d if you get benefits from your employer). For the self employed you need details of all your sales and purchases. You might also need details of savings income and pension schemes.

  If you can't find all the details in time or some aren't yet available then you can use 'provisional' figures – ask us for advice on this.

- **How to reduce your bill – the BIG question!**

  The main way is by claiming expenses and the standard 'test' is to ask yourself whether the expense was incurred 'wholly and exclusively' for your business – if so it's tax deductible.

  If you work from home, even some of the time, you may be able to claim a portion of your heating, electricity, council tax and mortgage/rent.

  Don't forget to claim allowances for new equipment and to claim business mileage – **rules apply so make sure you get it right or get some professional advice.**

We have a handy factsheet that goes into more detail about what you can (and can't) claim for. It's normally reserved for clients only but for the rest of this month you can get a copy FREE by going to our website

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IF YOU DO MISS THE DEADLINE..

You can appeal the penalty if you have a 'reasonable excuse' but there are only a handful that HMRC will accept. Such as a stay in hospital, issues with HMRC online services, a fire, flood or theft, or a death in the family.

Last year HMRC released some of the worst excuses that they received:

- My dog ate my tax return (and all of the reminders)
- My tax return was on my yacht and that caught fire
- I was up a mountain in Wales and couldn't find a post box or get an internet signal

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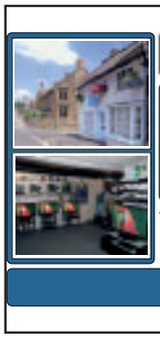

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Your guide to Education and Fitness in Ottery St Mary

OTTERY ST. MARY ACTIVE LIFE AND MIND

FOR extracurricular activity, Ottery St Mary would receive an A* thanks to the vast range of activities for the public to keep an active mind and an active lifestyle.

Keeping active doesn't only mean hitting the gym regularly (although that is one way to do it), keeping active is all about making sure your mind is as healthy as your body, this can be achieved in several ways. Maybe by learning a new language? Or volunteering with local organisations?

With countless people making new year resolutions to get fitter, Ottery St Mary Town Council have given their support, to an initiative to show just how to keep an active mind and life in Ottery. Councillors

How about learning a new skill? Learning a second language boosts cognitive function, even at old age and Ottery offers Spanish and French classes run by experts Josefina Gori and Sylvie Leroy. Perhaps the skill you always wanted to learn was a martial art? Ottery St Mary Tae Kwon-do and Masakatsu Aikado both are very popular and teach people of all ages.

Or how about learning a skill that could save a loved one's life? First Aid Devon offer regular classes on the incredibly valuable skill. And Holistic Yoga is a great way to stay fit, without putting to much stress into your life.

Maybe volunteering with an organisation that offers valuable outlets to the whole family? Ottery Skate Park are always looking for ways to raise vital funds for the organisation, while Ottery St Mary District and Life Forum are active in identifying issues, relevant to older people and try to find solutions for them, whether this be a table tennis group or meeting up once a month to watch a movie. The Ottery Library will soon be moving into new premises and there is always something interesting going on at the much loved town resource.

There are lots of ways to stay active and happy in Ottery St Mary, with plenty for the whole family to get involved with.

▲ Ottery St Mary Skate Park.

▲ Ottery St Mary Library is a great place to find something interesting to do.

▼ Ottery St Mary Tae Kwon-Do.

FIRST AID DEVON

FIRST Aid Devon was created by myself Natalie Taylor, mum of two and qualified Trainer/Assessor.

"Those minutes while waiting for professional help to arrive are vital, they can be the difference between life and death"

Our youngest daughter has previously suffered pro-longed seizures, the longest being 90minutes before stopping. This left her with paralysis of the entire right side of her body. Paris began choking during seizure and her airway became completely blocked. Luckily being First Aid trained I knew how to clear it but the seizure still meant her oxygen levels were very low, No one knew the extent of damage caused to her brain from the reduced oxygen levels over such a long period and she was immediately rushed for scans. Thankfully Paris did make a full recovery but the outcome could have been so different if I'd not known what to do. So, this leaves me one question.

Would you know what to do?

First Aid Devon run Family First Aid awareness all the way up to Level 3 Paediatric First Aid and First Aid at Work which are Ofqual regulated and meet Ofsted standards. You can find us on Facebook or www.firstaiddevon.co.uk for all enquiries.

OTTERY ST. MARY TAE KWON DO

OTTERY St Mary Taekwondo or Ottery Taekwondo is part of Taekwondo Association of Great Britain (TAGB) and under the UK Sport, Sport England and British Taekwondo Council (BTC).

Taekwondo is a new way to get healthy, energetic and fit. It will help develop personal fitness and confidence. Children as young as 6 years old could train, with the aim of developing self-confidence, courtesy and discipline as well as fitness. There is no age limit to Taekwondo. However, due to the nature of the activity, some levels of disabilities would make it difficult (but not impossible) for them to take part.

We offer 4 lesson free as a trial to ensure new members are not taking on something they will not going to enjoy.

Ottery TKD Instructors Andy and Beth Taylor 2nd Dan Blackbelts have been training since 2003. They are qualified Instructors and fully qualified Taekwondo Referees and Umpires, DBS checked, have child protection training and qualified first aider.

Ottery Tae Kwon-Do meets at Ottery Scout Centre on Thursdays and Sundays.

Thursday 6:00-7:00pm Family & Junior class (from 6 years old)

Thursday 7:00-8:00pm Senior class (adults & senior grades)

Sunday 6:00-7:00pm All ages/all grades class.

OTTERY SKATEPARK

YES! Ottery has a Sk8 and BMX and Scooter Park.

Whilst somewhat hidden away – accessible from the upper level of the Sport Centre's car park … between the two out-door 'cages' … up to what may well be the most beautifully located skatepark … overlooking the Otter - valley. It serves all ages - open to the public outside school-hours.

This is more than 'just a skatepark' … Firstly, it was set up - and is still managed by - a bunch of older people (volunteers). It is supported by the Ottery Town Council with an annual upkeep and maintenance grant. We have a Young People Group who attend the Trust's meetings and Trustees meet with Young People to discuss whatever the next Fun Event, trip to other skateparks - or training and upskilling is planned. Yes, we do all this !!! We have the support with all this from the EDDC's Development Worker and an appointed Town Councillor 'to keep an eye on us' (and to share the fun and tribulations of running a volunteer-skatepark).

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OTTERY ST MARY & DISTRICT LATER LIFE FORUM

THE OTTERY ST MARY AND DISTRICT LATER LIFE FORUM

...a truly voluntary, independent, almost entirely self-funding group in Ottery St. Mary, serving older people in 'Ottery + Around' for already 15 years.... is one of Ottery's Jewels in the Crown

What are we about? – ***Active in identifying issues relevant to older people and trying to find solutions.***

Have we done so over the years? – Yes ! we are happy to applaud ourselves on having achieved this – and – still do!

Who is running it? – a bunch of older people.

Who pays for it:

- We have an annual membership contribution of (currently) £ 6.00 p.p. (this ensures that members receive our Newsletters and updates on activities and necessaries such as 'insurance'.
- Each member pays a modest contribution if/when participating in any one of our various projects and activities to cover costs for room hire, transport, Tea (we always 'eat when we meet')

Who are our members? Anyone over 60 (and under !!!) is welcome.

Are we useful? It seems so – considering that we are now in our 15th year!

What are we offering: companionship; doing things together: (see insert) – we also arrange from time-to-time 'seminars' on interesting subjects/issues.

THE OTTERY ST MARY AND DISTRICT LATER LIFE FORUM FOR OVER AND UNDER 50's

This is what we do!

We have a **'Table Tennis Group'** which meets every Monday at 2.30 pm at the United Reformed Church (opposite the Co-op in Ottery).

'Seated Exercises' – every Tuesday 10.30 am – at the Institute in Ottery £3.00 per session.

1st Thursday every month: is our **'INDOOR CURLING' - GROUP'** at the 'Institute' in Ottery - 2.00 pm
You could also just come along to play cards or Scrabble and Rummikubs, ending with 'Tea'. £3.00 per session

Ed's ARTY-CRAFTY Fun Group
Every 2nd Thursday 2.00 pm - you do not need to be a 'born artist ' to join this group but interested to having fun, experimenting, letting imagination flow - wielding pastels, charcoal, pencils and paints. Tea afterwards. Cost: £4.00 per session (incl. materials).
Venue: The Institute, Ottery St.Mary.

3rd Thursday every month: **'GRUMPY FLICKS' FILM CLUB**
We are currently looking for a new venue (probably: Ottery Station) –planning to start with 'Gone with the Wind'... Of course, there will be 'Tea'!
Let us know your favourite film and we will endeavour to include it in the programme. (help with transport for a reasonable contribution).

We go **'LUNCHING'** to different pubs and eating places around East Devon (at cost) (transport arranged at a reasonable contribution).

We sometimes go to the **'Theatre'** … let us know if you are interested and we will let you know when we next go. (We can arrange transport for a reasonable contribution).

We arrange Information Events and Seminars from time-to-time... and keep members informed of our activities or programmes, and any news – by post. (We even do e-mails).

Our Annual Membership is £6.00 per person.
Activities are charged at attendance; we also welcome non-members to our activities - under the assumption that they 'might' become members, eventually.

For more information about the Forum and our activities – and how to join us: please phone: Beryl on 01404 812871 or Elli on 01404 812268 or ask at the Library (when opened).

MASAKATSU AIKIDO

AIKIDO(合 気 道) is a Japanese martial art which is performed by blending with the motion of the attacker and redirecting the force of the attack rather than opposing it head-on. This requires very little physical strength.

Here at Masakatsu we are affiliated to South Devon Aikikai, who in turn are members of the British Aikido Board (BAB). The BAB are the governing body for Aikido in the UK. We are also members of the sports council.

There is opportunity to progress in Aikiso with the system of testing and ranking commonly called grades. The criteria for all tests are execution of specific techniques. Consideration will be given to the number of training hours and a person's commitment and understanding of all aspects of Aikido. We recommend students attend class regularly in order gain the maximum benefit from classes, but everyone progresses at their own pace.

We welcome all ages and abilities – we'd be delighted to see you.

Masakatsu Aikido

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▲ French and Spanish lessons with Sylvie Leroy and Josefina Gori.

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OTTERY ST. MARY FRENCH LESSONS

BONJOUR, my name is Sylvie and I first came to England in 1985 after my degree to work in schools as a French Assistant. I was only meant to stay for 12 months but fell in love with England and I have been living here ever since, working for international companies dealing with French and worldwide clients on a daily basis. I moved to Devon in 2010 and started teaching French to adults (in groups) at Ottery St Mary council offices. I have also been providing private tuition to GCSE and A levels students.

If you are interested in learning the French language, discovering more about the French way of life and what makes the French …… so French from a French national, why not join one of the classes or arrange one to one tuition.

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- '**Vive la France**': a course for students at advanced level focused on conversation

Should you wish to join please contact me on 07794957938 or email me sylvie.leroy65@yahoo.co.uk

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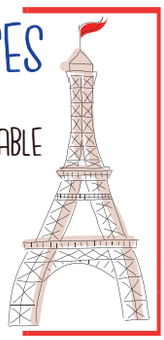

Ottery St Mary Spanish Classes

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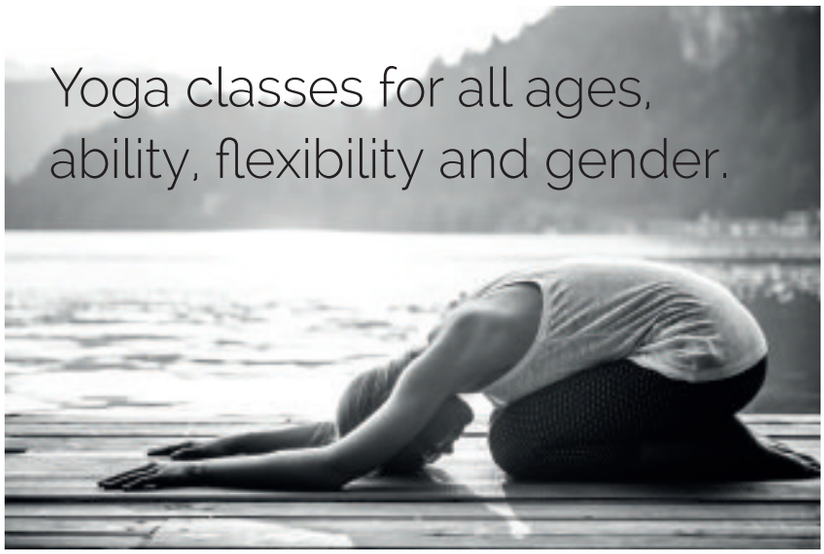
Kate Hawley, YogaBhoga



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- **Mealtime Assistant -** daily 12 – 1.20 p.m. Grade A
- **Administrator -** Wednesdays 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Grade C

If you think that you would be the right person to undertake all three roles please visit our website for an application form. Alternatively if you are interested in just one of the roles please ring the school to discuss possibilities with Ms Kite, Head of School, Tel 01297 442210.

Visits to the school are encouraged and highly recommended.
Please contact Dee Davis, Personnel Officer, on 01460 220534 to arrange an appointment.

Acorn Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post.

Closing date is 12 noon on Friday 27th January 2017
Interview date tbc

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Dotton Gauging Station Bank Repairs

The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the gauging station on the River Otter near Newton Poppleford in Devon between the footbridge (NGR SY 08708 88510) and gauging weir (NGR SY 08683 88418), a distance of 0.1 kilometres.

The proposed improvement works will involve the following: repairs to eroded East river bank using granite block stones.

The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. An Environmental Appraisal Report has been produced and can be viewed at the address below during normal working hours (Monday – Friday 9:00 – 17:00).

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Paul Davy, Project Manager
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View 2

The ultimate leisure guide for East Devon & South Somerset

Two times three

GOOD THINGS, like buses, come in threes, as the latest jazz concert at Ilminster Arts Centre proves. Their gig on Friday, January 27th brings together three of the most acclaimed jazz musicians working today, and throws in the equally sought after Craig Milverton Trio for good measure. Taking to the stage for this highly anticipated concert are sax supremos Dave O'Higgins and Geoff Simkins and guitar maestro Dominic Ashworth. They will be playing a programme of mainstream/modern jazz (always a winner at the Arts Centre!), and advance booking is strongly recommended.

Dominic Ashworth

Dave O'Higgins is an award-winning saxophonist who has regularly features as a part of the Ronnie Scott's Allstars and the BBC Big Band. Dave has played over the years with "everyone and their auntie" from Martin Taylor, Ray Charles, Frank Sinatra & Matthew Herbert to Salif Keita. The versatile Mr O'Higgins has also done a fair amount of studio work (jingles, pop stuff, films, and library) as well as composing & arranging for jazz ensembles of all sizes. Jazz Guide says of him: "A stunning player in the neo-bop vein, with an apparently effortless flow of coherent ideas, beautiful time and a highly developed harmonic sense."

Geoff Simkins has been playing jazz since his early teens, originally as a drummer but quickly switching to alto sax. A professional musician since 1977, he has played at venues all around the world, and has appeared many times on BBC Radio's Jazz Club and Jazz Parade. As well as leading his own quartet, he is much in demand with visiting American musicians, including Art Farmer, Slide Hampton, Bill Coleman and Conte Candoli.

Dominic Ashworth is a Jazz Award winning guitarist who has toured and recorded with Carol Kidd, Julian Marc Stringle and Digby Fairweather, as well as George Melly and Paul Jones. He teaches at Trinity College of Music.

The Craig Milverton Trio are Craig Milverton on piano, Al Swainger on bass and Nick Milward on drums.

The 'Three of the Very Best' event takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, Jabnuary 27th at 8pm. Tickets are £18 (pre-show supper £14 at 7pm, booked in advance). For more details or to book visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk or call 01460 54973.

John Shillito's Select Four at Jazz Club

THE Tuckers Jazz Club starts the year with a great line up of talented and experienced Musicians.

Well-known trumpeter and raconteur John Shillito brings his 'Select Four' to the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood, on Saturday, January 21st.

A really 'tight' and swinging quartet with a wide repertoire, ranging from the rocking to the romantic, the blue to the boisterous, the wistful to the wild!

Timeless jazz that's worth listening to - lots of energy and fun.

With John Shillito on trumpet & vocals; Ken Rennison on soprano, alto and tenor saxes; Walter (Woody) Allen on bass guitar; and John Whitlock on guitar and banjo.

If you like the older 'traditional' styles of jazz and you enjoy live music from competent and entertaining musicians then The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood (EX13 7EG), is the place to be on Saturday 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available online at www.dalwoodvillage.co.uk or by calling 01404 831280.

John Shillito's Select Four

Fabulous films coming up at The Beehive

WITH the Oscars not far off, we have some serious award contenders coming to the Beehive cinema over the next couple of months along with our special Nostalgic cinema screenings generally held on the last Friday afternoon of each month.

Terrific movies to look forward to include: 'Allied', 'A Street Cat named Bob', 'Sully', 'A United Kingdom', 'Manchester by the Sea', 'La, La Land', 'Lion' and 'Jackie'.

We also have the Royal Opera House live screenings of 'Il Trovatore' and the Royal Ballet production of 'The Sleeping Beauty' for listings sign up to our database, pop in for a flyer or check out www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

Volunteer vacancy

DO YOU have an eye for display and an interest in beautiful handmade crafts?

Ilminster Arts Centre is looking for a volunteer to work with its Craft Shop Manager on one or two mornings a week (Tuesday & Friday).

The role involves creating eye-catching and inviting displays in the Craft Shop, stock management and some basic paperwork.

This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who enjoys being creative and who would like to help support a vibrant and much-loved community resource!

For more information, please contact Barbara on 01460 54988.

Frazzled!

RUBY WAX is a much-loved US born comedian, actor and writer, along with being the 'it girl' of mental health campaigning. She has a Master's degree in Mindfulness-based Cognitive Therapy from Oxford University.

Ruby Wax

This event is a follow up to her sell out touring show, and best-selling book, *Sane New World*, which helps us understand why we sabotage our sanity with our own thinking. Her new best-selling book, *A Mindfulness Guide for the Frazzled* is the basis for the discussion.

Funny and insightful, this event is your passport to saner living. She might not be sane herself, but she does a pretty good imitation.

Ruby Wax brings her 'Frazzled' show to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Friday, February 10th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £21, concessions: £19.50. For more details and to book visit www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or call 01935 42884

Edey's back in East Devon

THE INCREDIBLE Tim Edey returns to East Devon on Saturday, January 28th... Why?... well here is what people were saying after previous years' concerts at Jurassic Folk: "Tim is the best thing we've seen and heard for the past 20 years!", "Tim takes our breath away with his musicianship and joie-de-vivre!", "His personality on stage (as well as off) is gorgeous -infectious!", "a quite staggering display of virtuoso musicianship", "His command of both melodeon and guitar was quite breathtaking."

Having won both categories in which he was nominated at the 2012 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, "Best Musician" and "Best Duo" (with Brendan Power), Tim Edey is one of the finest multi-instrumental players of his generation in the worldwide Celtic music scene. A virtuoso on both acoustic guitar and button accordion, Tim's incredible musical ear and total technical command allows him to play the most demanding instrumentals and improvise freely in any style you throw at him. And now to gild the lily, he has developed into a fine singer and composer.

Tim Edey

Although Tim is a native of Kent, his mother is Irish, and he was captivated by Celtic music from an early age. You can check him out at www.timedey.co.uk and on numerous YouTube clips, including some from Jurassic Folk concerts.

Advance tickets £10. On the door, if any left, they will be £12. It all happens at Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Rd, Colyford, Colyton, EX24 6QJ (Easy Parking) with doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets available on the website at www.eastdevonfolk.org, or by phoning 01297 20064, or in person at Colyford Post Office Shop.

Diary Dates

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11.00am-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue United Reformed Church, Chard Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.00 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm

HONITON: Hospiscare Craft and Bargain Sale at Mackarness Hall, 9am-12noon. Homemade refreshments served.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

COLYTON: Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2:30pm "East Devon Pebble-bed Heathland" Dr. Sam Bridgewater – Nature Conservation Manager, Clinton Devon Estates – will talk about one of the largest areas of lowland heathland in the UK with many rare species of plants and birds. All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

CLAPTON : Jumble Sale in aid of the Birkett-Smith Animal Sanctuary, 2-4pm at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Donations to be dropped off 10am-12pm. For more details call 01460 74654.

HONITON : he first meeting of the year for the Honiton U3A is on Wednesday 18th January when they welcome their speaker, Janet Diamond who will be giving a talk entitled 'The Age of the Pyramid' a look into how and why the first pyramids appeared in Egypt with insights into their beauty and architecture. Venue: The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton. Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Members free and Visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2). Further information: 01404 598008 or website: http://u3asites.org.uk/Honiton

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

AXMINSTER: Axe Valley Centre, National Trust talk entitled 'Thomas Whitty and his Axminster Carpets' by Laurence Hitchcock. Colyford Memorial Hall, 2.30 pm Non-members welcome £2. Including refreshments.

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Dumbleton: 1984. 10 a.m. in the small hall, Seaton Methodist Church. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/ prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Steven on 01297 21872.

THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding an inter club competition with Wellington Camera Club at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall.

CLAPTON: Community Coffee Morning, hosted by Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10am – midday. There will be a cake stall & raffle; all contributions welcomed. Do come and join us, to support your local facility, whilst meeting friends & neighbours or getting to know new people; all welcome. More details from Julia (01460 72769)

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

AXMINSTER: Axminster and District Horticultural Society meeting and talk. Talk by Terry Underhill, called 'From Mountains to the Garden'. At the United Reformed Church, 7.30pm.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

CREWKERNE: Special Lunch - Roast Pork at Henhayes Centre. 12noon for 12.30pm. £8.

ASKERWSELL: STOTT Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 09:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

CHARDSTOCK: One Plus One Carnival Club will be holding a grand prize bingo at Chardstock Community Hall, to raise funds for this years carnival entry. A variety of prizes including hampers and cash are up for grabs, as well as a prize raffle draw. Refreshments including teas and cakes will be available. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down for 8pm.

SEATON: FREEdom Cafe - FREE Community Cafe 10.30am-1.30pm. Hosted by St Gregory's church at the church centre Seaton EX12 2DF. Coffee, cakes and light lunches all FREE. Rummage stall and good quality second hand book. We welcome everyone, living, working or just visiting.

SEATON: Bric a Brac, Crafts, Bits & Pieces, jumble, Raffle & Refreshments. Mini Psychic Readings £5.00 with Sara Perry. A Great Opportunity To Have A Clear Out. Sell or come and have a rummage! 10.00am - 12.00pm. Masonic Hall, Queen Street. (In between John woods estate agents and the post office delivery office) Book A Table £5. Call Or Text 07462 108925

CHARMOUTH: New Year Barn Dance at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. 5-8pm. Stomping music by the amazing Stirabout Ceilidh Band. Adults £7.50, kids £2.50, under 3s free. Family of four £19, family of five £20. Price includes hot yummy food by Lyme Regis' Tierra Kitchen. All profits to Charmouth Primary School. Bar with ales from Palmers Brewery. For more details or to book email barbaramella@hotmail.com or call 07941045004.

SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND

SIDMOUTH: Instrumental Interludes at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm. With music students from Colyton Grammar School and Sidmouth College. Free. Retiring collection for Restoration Fund.

MONDAY JANUARY 23RD

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club meeting, Roger Clemens, 'Images of Winter', watercolour/pen and ink. Meetings every Monday 2-4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members. Transport available for second session. Book at Centre.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

MUSBURY: Musbury Garden Club's first talk of 2017 will take place at the village hall at 7.30pm. A Gold Club speaker will give practical advice on how to look after all types of lawns. Refreshments from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

BEER: Beer Film Society at Steamers Restaurant in Beer are showing "Julieta" (15) a Pedro Almodovar Drama, Romance, based on three inter-related short stories the Nobel Prize winning author Alice Munro. Doors open 7-00 for 7-30, all welcome , general public £5 BFS members £3.50. For more information www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Gyildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Membury Merrymakers will open Pandora's Box

THE MEMBURY Merrymakers will present an original pantomime, written by Nat Bruzon, called 'Pandora's Box' from January 26th to 28th at Membury Village Hall. Tickets are available from The Post Office in Membury, telephone 01404 881225.

'Pandora's Box' follows the trials of two Demi-gods, banished to Earth for bad behaviour. As a test they have been given a box that must not, on any account, be opened. They arrive in Memburia on the eve of the daughter of the mayor's 18th birthday. What happens when the box is mistaken for Pandora's birthday present? What might fly out if it is opened and how will the Demi-gods ever get back to the sky?

Come along and see for yourself if Billy Babooney, the long arm of the law, Auntie Biotic the local medicine woman and all the other villagers can save the day.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Barlow's new show set to be a winner

IT'S been a celebtastic week for me (yes, I did make that word up) and I'm exhausted from all of the glamour.

After a couple of really successful pantomime rehearsals in the South West (I now know most of the words and nearly all of the songs, so I've progressed!), it was time for my long awaited date with Gary Barlow. Along with a few other journalists, I was invited to lunch with the star and the cast of his new musical The Girls.

We had a very British afternoon tea, with the real Calendar Girls, complete with a Victoria Sponge, before we were allowed to have a peek at a rehearsal for the new show. I felt a bit like a teenager and had to stop myself from going all gooey eyed when I was eventually introduced to the Take That star, but clad in my very best dress (from a charity shop in Dorchester) I managed to hold it together.

I can reveal that not only is Gary Barlow as dreamy as many of you may think, but he also smells good! The show looks like it's going to be a real winner too.

I then popped along to see a rehearsal for the new Strictly Come Dancing live tour and got to meet the celebrities who will be taking part, including Ed Balls (very charming), Daisy Lowe (delightful), Louise Redknapp (flanked by a stylist at all times and not very friendly), Danny Mac (utterly adorable) and the 2016 winner Ore Oduba, who chatted about growing up in Dorset and his love of the area.

Ore is from Wimborne and is probably one of the nicest people I have ever interviewed, with such a relaxed and natural personality. I then headed out to see a few shows, including BU21 (a play about a terrorist attack on London, which was surprisingly funny), The Kite Runner (good, but far too long) and Cirque Du Soleil's Amaluna at the Royal Albert Hall, which was a big red carpet event attended by an abundance of minor celebs including the 2016 X Factor winner Matt Terry.

There was nothing minor about the show itself however, and I was moved to tears on more than one occasion, such was the awe-inspiring spectacle of the piece.

Next week promises to be a little quieter, as it's show week, so I'll be catching up on work in Lyme Regis before I strut my stuff on stage at the Guildhall in Axminster (the pantomime is Robinson Crusoe and tickets are available from the Archway Bookshop).

I will be doing a couple of phone interviews and I'll be talking to Jeremy Irvine (the star of the War Horse Movie), who is currently playing alongside Ed Harris in Buried Child at Trafalgar Studios. I'm going to question him about his dodgy Devon accent! With the final season of Broadchurch just around the corner, I've also been testing out the Dorset twang of its new cast member Julie Hesmondhalgh (who is perhaps best known for her award winning portrayal of Hayley Cropper in Coronation Street), so look out for my interview soon.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

CAN I HAVE THIS DANCE?: With Strictly Come Dancing winner Ore Oduba. Photo by Ellis O'Brien.

THE BOYS OF *THE GIRLS*: With Tim Firth (left) and Gary Barlow. Photo by Richard

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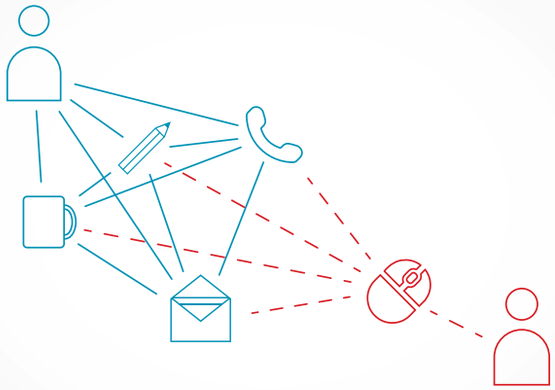

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Diary Dates

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CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Social Evening at Uplyme Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Bring and Share food, a light-hearted Quiz, Sweet pea planting and a Seed Swap - bring your spare seeds and exchange them for something you have never grown before. You will also have the chance to pay your subscription and collect a 2017 Events leaflet.

AXMINSTER: 'An Introduction to Crystals and healing with Crystals' 1.30-2.30pm at Weycroft. £5. Learn About Quartz Crystals :- their uses, cleaning and a couple of self healing routines. Ideal for Crystal lovers who would like to know more. Small group, to secure your place or for more information please contact Maggi at Weycroft Bridge 01297 32095 or 07951402717

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH – SATURDAY 28TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents 'Rapunzel' written by Jack Northcott at Victoria Hall, Crewkerne, 7.30pm nightly and 2.3 pm Saturday Matinee. Tickets £7 and £6 available from www.cudos.org.uk or 01460 74380.

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

HONITON: Portrait Drawing Demonstration with SWAc Associate Ken Cosgrove at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 1.30-4.30pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. cup of tea/coffee.

AXMINSTER: 'Introduction to Tai Chi' 2-3pm. £5. Ever thought about learning Tai Chi, well now you can in this new small gathering. Very relaxed and friendly group. Come and enjoy an hour of soft movements, relaxing and a total fitness routine. Please ring to book your place or if you require more information. Maggi & Allan at Weycroft Bridge 01297 32095 or 07960 229726

CHARDSTOCK: Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

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TATWORTH: Film: 'I, Daniel Blake' (cert 15). Showing at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Evening. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. At the Mackarness Hall. Refreshments and raffle.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group illustrated presentation by Dr Colin Ryall "Guyana: wildlife encounters". It will be based on a recent visit to the land of many rivers and Kaiteur Falls, pristine tropical rainforest, diversity of fauna and flora. 7.30pm Parish Hall, North St, TA19 0DG. £2 adult members, £3 non-members, no charge for children. Refreshments available.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

SIDMOUTH: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Winter Wonderland', at Stowford Centre (A3052). 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

COLYFORD: Tim Edey Concert, 7.30pm at Colyford Memorial Hall. Award Winning virtuoso melodeon & guitar player, and now singer and songwriter returns to East Devon by popular demand. Advance tickets £10 from 01297 20064 (also for more info), or online at website www.eastdevonfolk.org or in person from Colyford Post Office Shop.

AXMINSTER: New Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fairs at Axminster Guildhall (EX13 5NX). Small furniture, textiles, china, glass, silver, jewellery, books, pictures etc. 10am-3.30pm. Next fair is March 4th. For more details call 01297 24446 or 07977 591736

HAWKCHURCH: Big Breakfast - enjoy a full English breakfast or fabulous crepes at Hawkchurch Village Hall from 8.30 to 10.30am. Organised by Hawkchurch School PTFA

AXMINSTER: Two hour introduction into Crystal Healing and Crystal Grids £10. 2-4pm. This workshop is two hours full of practical knowledge and exercises to use. Learning how to do a Crystal healing on your self or friend. Using Crystal grids to balance the energy in rooms, ideal for healers and therapist. Booking is essential as limited numbers. A deposit of £5.00 will secure your place. Contact Maggi at Weycroft Bridge for more details and securing your place on this workshop. Tel. 01297 32095 or 07951402717.

MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

AXMINSTER: 'Dad's Army' this classic film is showing at Axminster Heritage Centre.The Bradshaw Meeting Room doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Tickets just £4 can be booked in advance on 01404 831207 Light refreshments available.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members. Transport available for second session. Book at Centre.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Gyildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Buldock: RHS Gardens at Wisley and Rosemoor. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

KILMINGTON: Film: "Bridget Jones's Baby" (15) – Colin Firth, Renee Zellweger, Patrick Dempsey. Moviola screening at the village hall (Whitford Rd), doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm Film start 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking contact: 01297 32335. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance or £5.50 at the door.

AXMINSTER: The Magic Lantern Show: Lanternist Humphrey Hamlin will tell us the history of this forerunner of the modern slide projector, used for hundreds of years to educate, entertain and mystify audiences. Axminster Historical Society, 7:30pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, Axminster, EX13 5AH All welcome!

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm

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PROPERTY MARKET PREVIEW 2017

MARK GOODENOUGH OF PENNYS AGENTS GAZES INTO THE PROPERTY MARKET CRYSTAL BALL FOR 2017.

The national press is fond of repeating what some estate agency firms have to say about the luxury market – especially in central London. This seems to suggest that it is an important part of the property market. Well it isn't. It is the other end of the market which is important. The lower end drives everything. So if we want to understand about the health of the property market as we move into 2017 we need to look at how first time buyers might fare not at the relatively small market of houses for the super rich.span>

But predicting anything at the moment seems pretty futile, whether it is the economy, politics, the global order, Europe, the USA or property. Yet one thing we do know: first time buyers now have a better chance of getting on the property ladder than for many years. Interest rates remain low, mortgage lenders are keen to lend and investors with cash have been rather quiet - thanks to George Osborne, who increased stamp duty for buy-to-let purchasers and stripped the mortgage tax relief advantage from the same group.

This has opened the door of opportunity a little wider for first time buyers. Yes there are areas where buying will remain a challenge – those areas of the country where prices are historically high such as in or around major cities. These are places where first time buyers may find it even harder to raise sufficient deposits despite larger than average earnings. But for other areas in the country things are a little easier, especially in those places where sellers are being persuaded that the values of their homes are not necessarily what they wish them to be but are what buyers can actually afford.

So who knows what 2017 will bring. If 2016 is anything to go by there will be lots of surprises. But one thing never changes - people will still want roofs over their heads. Young adults will want their independence; many will move to different parts of the country for work reasons. Inevitably there will be new relationships and young families. When these things happen a home is required. The nation is built on this cycle of life and ambition, which is why the entry level of the property market is always more important than how a relatively few very wealthy people choose to spend their money.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK – SEATON £315,000

Fortnam, Smith and Banwell are delighted to offer new to the market a 4 bedroom house situated on the West side of the town in an elevated location with some sea and countryside views.

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The house was originally one of a pair of semi-detached properties, however, it's neighbouring property has more recently had an adjoining house built which now makes this an end-of-terrace of three sizeable properties.

The property has the benefit of uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating. Outside there is a front garden and brick paved parking and to the rear there is a sizeable level garden. There is also the added advantage of a detached garage with adjoining log store and workshop.

This house must be viewed internally to fully appreciate the sizeable accommodation.

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"We had an interesting year with many buyers and sellers unsure of the world economy and whether they should wait for Brexit before entering the property market. Lots were, therefore, slow in coming forward but by the autumn people started to realise that they could not deliberate forever and this led to a buoyant end to the year.

Attendances were up with an estimated 4,000 people coming to our sales and the number of telephone bids was at a record level with one bidder ringing all the way from Thailand and many taking advantage of our facility at The London Office.

The number of people downloading the legal documents was also at an all-time high with over 3,000 individual documents inspected at our December sale. This inevitably led to a record number of bids recorded and, over our 12 sales, attempts to buy were recorded showing a 19% increase on 2015 with bidders travelling from 14 counties plus many from London.

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Axminster **£695 pcm**

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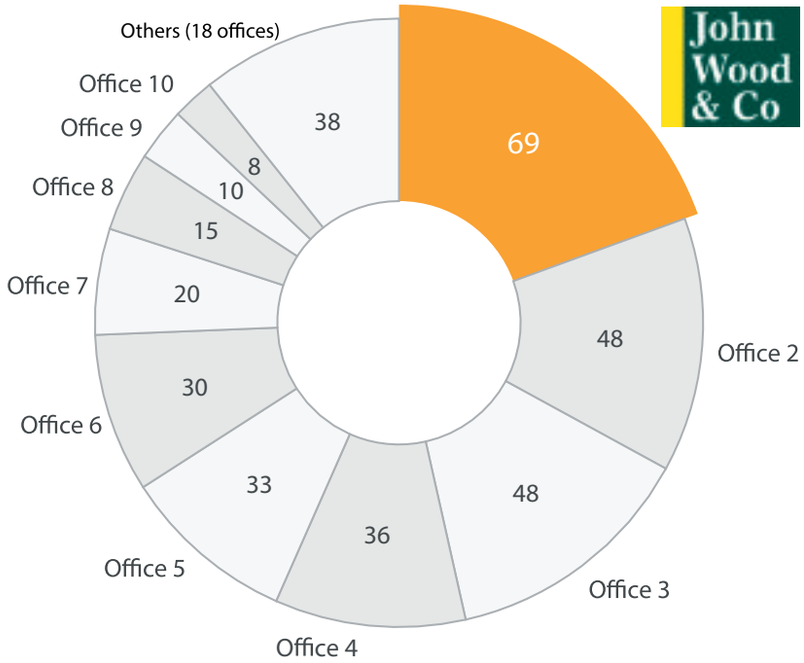

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Buttercup Close, Seaton £162,500

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A modern end terrace house | One bedroom with built-in wardrobes | Living room with wood burner | Well fitted kitchen | Conservatory | Sealed unit double glazed throughout | Off-road parking | Garden | NO ONWARD CHAIN | Energy Performance is: D

Kings Street, Honiton £395,000

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Planning consent to convert into seven flats | Three storey barn | Office/studio space | Easy walk to town centre | Garage with access to rear garden | Three bedroom flat currently let on an assured shorthold tenancy at £750 per month | NO ONWARD CHAIN | Energy Performance is: E

Harepath Road, Seaton £225,000

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An attractive detached bungalow | Two double bedrooms | Corner plot with easy access to town | Some general updating required | Gas central heating | Sealed unit double glazing | Living room & octaganol sun lounge | Enclosed rear garden with lawned gardens to front | Detached garage and driveway for two vehicles | NO ONWARD CHAIN | Energy Performance is: D

Venborough Close, Seaton £325,000

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Spacious detached modern chalet | Peaceful, head of cul-de-sac location | Three bedrooms | Dual aspect living room & separate dining room | Kitchen and separate utility room | Bathroom and ground floor cloakroom | Gas central heating & sealed unit double glazing | Superb, mature and well stocked gardens | Driveway and single garage | NO ONWARD CHAIN | Energy Performance is: E

Celandine Close, Seaton £284,950

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Spacious detached house | Four bedrooms | Master with en-suite | Kitchen with separate dining area | Living room & Conservatory | Private, enclosed rear garden | Off-road parking | Integral garage currently utilised as Office/Study | Gas central heating | NO ONWARD CHAIN | Energy Performance is: TBA

Harepath Road, Seaton £340,000

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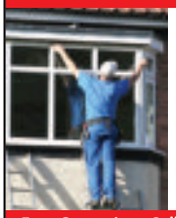

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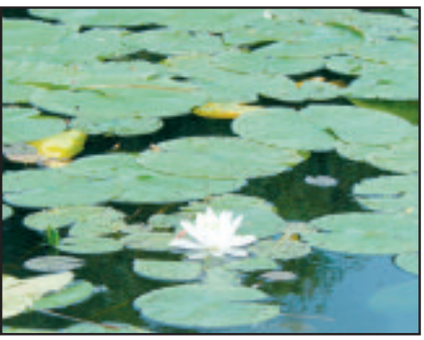

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Badged the Trek-1°, the car has made its world debut at the Brussels Motor Show. The name relates to the geographical location of the Navarre desert in northern Spain – at -1° of longitude – from which the Nissan Navara takes inspiration for its name.

The Nissan Navara is the current holder of the International Pick-up Award, thanks to its tough 'go anywhere' capabilities, and outstanding performance on and off-road. Packed with smart 'in control' technologies, it's the perfect partner for business and leisure use.

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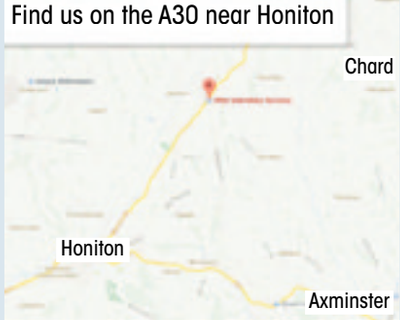

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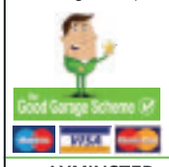

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Bow snapped by Seaton late show – Tanners let slip two goal lead – Tigers second string hit 12

football tables

SW Peninsula D1E (34)	Pld	Pts
Brixham AFC	23	48
Stoke Gabriel	23	46
Newton Abbot Spurs	24	44
Teignmouth	22	44
Crediton Utd	22	42
AXMINSTER TOWN	24	42
Torridgeside	22	41
Appledore	20	39
St Martins	23	30
Liverton Utd	22	28
Sidmouth Town	22	27
Bovey Tracey	22	25
Alphington	22	24
Exeter University	20	23
Galmpton Utd	22	18
Totnes & Dartington	22	16
Budleigh Salterton	18	15
Exwick Villa	21	13

D&E Premier (28)	Pld	Pts
Honiton Town	16	42
Newtown	16	42
Elmore	13	30
Heavitree Utd	12	25
Okehampton Argyle	15	24
Topsham Town	15	23
Seaton Town	16	22
Clyst Valley	16	21
Feniton	15	20
Exmouth Amateurs	16	20
Upottery	18	18
Beer Albion	12	14
Newton St Cyres	17	13
Hatherleigh Town	18	12
Bow AAC	15	2

D&E Div 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	13	35
Sidmouth Town Res	13	24
Colyton	13	23
Lyme Regis	11	20
Exeter University Res	12	20
Witheridge Reserves	11	18
Exmouth Town Res	12	17
Alphington Reserves	13	13
Willand Rovers Res	16	11
Wellington Reserves	13	9
Bickleigh	13	3

D&E Div 2 (26)	Pld	Pts
Cullompton Rang Res	16	40
Lapford	15	36
Dawlish Utd	15	26
University 3rds	13	25
Axmouth Utd	16	25
Heavitree Utd Res	12	24
Dawlish Town	14	18
Woodbury	14	17
Newtown Reserves	15	17
Tipton St John	15	15
Chagford	12	14
Halwill	15	14
Budleigh Salterton Res	17	14
Lympstone	15	10

D&E Div 3 (20)	Pld	Pts
Bampton	14	32
Exeter University 4ths	13	30
Honiton Town Res	15	29
PERRY STREET	11	26
Axminster Town Res	14	26
East Budleigh	18	26
Tedburn St Mary	16	22
Newton Poppleford	13	15
Clyst Valley Reserves	15	15
Exmouth Amat Res	16	10
Culm Utd	17	4

D&E Div 4 (24)	Pld	Pts
Thorverton	13	37
Kentisbeare	12	34
Uplowman Athletic	15	34
Ottery St Mary	17	25
Sandford	17	23
Exeter University 5ths	13	22
Countess Wear Dyn	14	21
Priory	13	17
Otterton	14	16
Morchard Bishop	17	15*
Pinhoe	15	14
St Martins Reserves	16	11
Sampford Peverell	16	6

D&E Div 5 (24)	Pld	Pts
Royal Oak	14	40
Crediton Utd Res	13	34
Winchester	13	27
Whipton & Pinhoe	14	25
Millwey Rise	15	22
Feniton Reserves	14	19
South Zeal Utd	16	19
Starcross Generals	16	18
North Tawton	14	16
Newton St Cyres	16	15
Beer Albion Reserves	12	13
Alphington 3rds	15	11
Awliscombe Utd	14	7

D&E Div 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	13	36
Exwick Village	14	34
Hemyock	12	25
Offwell Rangers	13	24
Lyme Regis Reserves	12	24
Halwill Reserves	15	21
Central FC	10	19
Tivvy Park Rangers	13	17
Elmore Reserves	12	13
Dunkeswell Rovers	14	11
Stoke Hill	12	8
Silverton	14	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	14	5

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Wellington Town 3rds	17	42
Cranbrook	15	38
Ilminster Town Res	15	37
Exmouth Spartans	16	28
Sidmouth Town 3rds	14	27
K&M Polonia Exeter	16	21
Woodbury Reserves	16	16
Cheriton Fitzpaine	16	15
Seaton Town Reserves	13	14
Bickleigh Reserves	13	11
Colyton Reserves	14	7
HT Dons	15	3

D&E Div 8 (22)	Pld	Pts
Upottery Reserves	13	34
Axminster Town 3rds	15	32
Bravehearts	13	31
Queen's Head	15	27
Kentisbeare Reserves	15	26
Lapford Reserves	14	22
Newton Popp'd Res	16	20
Amory Green Rovers	16	16
Bampton Reserves	13	14
Seven Stars Kennford	15	12
Bradninch	17	12
Sandford Reserves	14	5

D&E Div 9 (18)	Pld	Pts
St Martins 3rds	14	36
Witheridge 3rds	15	32
Chagford Reserves	13	22
Honiton Town 3rds	15	22
Millwey Rise Res	12	21
East Budleigh Res	13	19
Tedburn St Mary Res	13	13
Amory Green Res	15	13
Central FC Reserves	14	12
Feniton 3rds	14	7

Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	12	31
Shepton Beauchamp	11	27
Winsham Utd	13	25
South Petherton	11	24
Barrington	10	24
Misterton	11	17
Chard Utd	10	11
W & M Chinnock	11	9
Netherbury	12	9
Combe Reserves	10	2*
Drimpton	13	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Pymore	9	20
Merriott Rovers	9	18
Forton Rangers	10	17
Uplyme	10	14
Hawkchurch Utd	6	13
Waytown Hounds	8	13
Shepton Beau Res	8	11*
Ilminster Town Colts	9	10
Combe A	9	7
South Petherton Res	10	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	10	27
Charmouth	12	22
Winsham Utd Res	10	22
Farway Utd	11	21
Halstock	7	18
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	12
Thorncombe	11	11
Crewkerne Rangers	8	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	11	6
Chard Utd Reserves	9	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Misterton Reserves	10	26
Forton Rangers Res	10	24
Uplyme Reserves	11	24
Crewk Rangers Res	12	22
Thorncombe Res	13	19
Merriott Dynamos	11	17
Ilminster Town A	13	17
Lyme Regis Rovers	12	13*
Fivehead	9	12
Chard Rangers Res	14	11
Farway Utd Res	12	8
Chard Utd All Stars	9	2*

MACRON DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Match reports

SANDFORD 4 OTTERY ST MARY 0
Division Four

OTTERY St Mary travelled to Sandford on Saturday looking for a victory to keep them in touch with the top three in the Macron Division Four *writes Mike Ringer*.

The Otters made the trip full of confidence after halting league leaders Thorverton's 100 per cent record the week before.

The match at King George's was played in what can only be described as sticky conditions at best. To which the hosts adapted far better than the visitors.

Ottery started well and got in behind the Sandford defence on three occasions in the first 10 minutes; the last of which, culminated in a James Gosney shot from 12 yards cannoning off the bar.

But disaster struck when Sandford scored from their first attack. Ottery failed to clear from a corner and the ball was played back in to the far post where the home side were queuing up to tap the ball in from six yards.

The remainder of the game followed a similar pattern; Ottery having the lion's share of possession but unable to cope with Sandford's direct play on the counter.

The home side's second, third and fourth goals were carbon copies of each other with a long, straight, ball forward repeatedly catching the away side napping.

Ben Dawe (sponsored by *MD Accountancy*) was Ottery St Mary's Man of the Match.

BEER ALBION RES 4 SOUTH ZEAL 3
Division Five

BEER Albion Reserves beat South Zeal 4-3 in a thrilling Division 5 contest at the Furzebrake on Saturday to earn much needed points *writes Richard Honnor*.

The Fishermen were cruising at one stage with a 3-0 lead but never looked comfortable at the back against Zeal's counter attacks.

In a crazy 12-minute spell in the second half, Zeal pulled the score back to 3-3 but Beer hung on and then fashioned an excellent late winner to leave the unlucky visitors empty-handed.

The first real goalmouth incident came on 25 minutes when Beer keeper Henry Bartlett pushed a fierce shot behind via the cross bar. From the resulting corner, Beer were again saved by the woodwork when a well-struck shot from 10 yards hit the post.

But it was the Fishermen who led 2-0 at half time courtesy of a speculative 20-yarder from Ollie Paget's a fine strike from George Harwood.

After the break, South Zeal took the game to Beer and MoM Bartlett made one-on-one saves in the 46th and 50th minutes as the visitors carved through the Albion defence.

The Fishermen went three-up when Joel Seward squared the ball for Ed Karajev to convert from 10 yards.

But this did not deter South Zeal and they struck three times around the hour mark to draw level at 3-3.

The third strike was somewhat controversial with Zeal's Tom Reilly appearing to kick the ball out of Bartlett's hands but referee Phil Margrett adjudged that the Beer keeper did not have full control.

Beer recovered and rallied well to go 4-3 ahead on 75 minutes with the best goal of the game; a great through ball from Harwood found Seward who crossed to the far post where Karajev blasted home from close range.

Man-of-the-match was awarded by sponsors *Woozie's Deli* to South Zeal midfielder Tom Reilly.

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CREDITON RESERVES 3 MILLWEY RISE 0

THE tone was set at Crediton on Saturday as early as the second minute when Millwey keeper Nathan Hoole brought off a smart save to deny an early Crediton a goal *writes Dick Sturch*.

The home side went ahead in the 20th minute when Ben Clement fired home a powerful shot past keeper Hoole. At the other end Sam Burke and Jack Farrant both went close after being put through by Levi Hoole.

Millwey were made to pay a few minutes later as Adam Pigeon, with a suspicion of offside, increased the hosts' lead before Clements got his second and the Kryton's third and at halftime the score stood at 3-0 with Millwey having missed six good chances.

In the second period Hoole grazed the wrong side of the far post before Farrant again missed an opportunity to get his name on the score sheet as Millwey's chances kept stacking up but without an end result.

Crediton were awarded a penalty in the final quarter but keeper Hoole brought off a fine save.

This season is proving frustrating for striker Hoole after last season's goal scoring spree and he is now increasingly shackled by defenders. Sam Burke was again the midfield dynamo and central defender Zak Meaker made life difficult for the Crediton forwards.

Millwey had opportunities to draw or even win this game, especially in the second period, but the old adage "goals win matches" summed it up.

Round-up

NEWTOWN bounced back from last week's defeat to see off Premier Division title rivals Elmore 3-1 and although the Eagles have three matches in hand they are now some 12 points adrift.

Luke Jones, Matt Hesford and Ben Howard had the Newtown goals, Callum Old getting a late consolation for Elmore who felt they wasted too many chances.

HONITON TOWN stay top on goal difference after completing the double against Hatherleigh Town 2-0 but it was far from a pushover. Goals from Ben Ashford and Joe Mulhall made the difference.

Clyst Valley won 5-4 at FENITON after giving away a 4-1 interval lead but then scoring the winner through Iban Astigarraga after Feniton struck back to level. Dave O'Connor, Phil Everett, Ben Ede and Lewis Ede shared the Fenny reply.

Elsewhere, Max McKeown gave UPOTTERY the lead at Exmouth Amateurs but the hosts battled back to win 2-1.

Over at Colyford a Road a late 20-minute purple patch saw Matt Hancock, Josh French and Seth Wakely score for SEATON TOWN in 3-0 win over doomed Bow AAC.

Cronies FC stormed to a 7-0 win at Wellington Town to strengthen their Division One title claim.

COLYTON let slip a 2-0 lead as they were held to a 2-2 draw at promotion rivals Exeter University Reserves.

Callum Somers fired the Tanners ahead and then added a second after getting on the end of an exquisite through ball from Jake Richards.

But the Students pulled one back from the penalty spot right on half time and grabbed the point saver midway through the second half. "It was a fair result, but we're still disappointed not to have come away with all three points having been in front," said Coly manager Mike Cullum.

The top two teams in Division Two were both rained off, so Dawlish United had the chance to cut the deficit with a 4-3 victory at Newtown after going 3-0 down. Jake Ranger had all three Newtown goals.

AXMOUTH UNITED won 3-1 at University to share fourth place with them but the students have three matches in hand.

Dawlish won 2-1 at Budleigh Salterton thanks to goals from Daryl Whittle and Dan Heagney. Jack Howarth was the Robins scorer.

University won the top match in Division Three 6-2 against leaders Bampton with Will Fowler and Andy Hutchinson both scoring twice. Ryan White and Andy Goff scored for the startled Ponies.

Elsewhere, Joe Urquart (3), Jamie Barfoot (3), Mike Knight (2), Callum Garrett (2), Luke Finn and Ben Vine shared the goals as AXMINSTER TOWN RESERVES hammered visiting Exmouth Amateurs Reserves 12-1 at Tiger Way.

HONITON TOWN RESERVES came out on top in a goalfest at Culm United with Luke Phillips (3), Olly Mepham (2), Sean Devine and an OG leading to a 7-4 victory.

Fourth Division leaders Thorverton were made to work for their 2-1 win against bottom side AWLISCOMBE UNITED, while Kentisbere also needed overtime to get the better of Pinhoe 3-1. Kris Roper scored twice for the Kents.

Morchard Bishop stunned OTTERTON 5-2 with Ryan Gibson Heard slamming four goals. Lee Mitchell had both for the Rollers.

The Royal Oak were just able to preserve their 100 per cent record in Division Five as they edged wooden spoonists AWLISCOMBE 2-1 while Winchester repeated last week's score at FENITON, winning 4-0.

Winkleigh were able to regain top place in Division Six after beating Stoke Hill 6-3.

The top five in Division Eight all won. Axminster Town 3rds had few problems at Bampton Reserves and strolled to a 6-0 victory with goals from Tony Pinder (2), Mike Ruso (2), Sam Dibling and Adam Whitehouse.

Meanwhile, leaders UPOTTERY RESERVES came from behind to beat Kentisbeare Reserves 2-1. Brad Morris and Owen McCreadie-Taylor netted for the Otters.

Down in Division Nine, Ryan Pike (3), Karl Allen and Nathan Selway scored the goals which earned HONITON TOWN 3RDS a 5-2 derby-day win at FENITON 3RDS.

Finally, Mark Pike scored the winner as MILLWEY RISE RESERVES won 1-0 at Tedburn St Mary Res.

RESULTS

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PREMIER
Exmouth Amat 2, Upottery 1.
Feniton 4, Clyst Valley 5.
Honiton Tn 2, Hatherleigh Tn 0.
Newtown 3, Elmore 1.
Okehampton 2, Newton St Cyres 2.
Seaton Town 3, Bow AAC 0.
Alphington 1, Bickleigh 1.
Exmouth Town 2, Willand Rovers 2.
University 2, Colyton 2.
Wellington Town 0, Cronies FC 7.
DIVISION TWO
Budleigh?Salterton 1,Dawlish 2.
Heavitree United 4, Woodbury 1.
Lapford v Chagford, post.
Lympstone 1, Tipton St John 3.
Newtown 3, Dawlish United 4.
University 1, Axmouth United 3.
DIVISION THREE
Axminster Tn 12, Exmouth Amat 1.
Clyst Valley 2, East Budleigh 2.
Culm United 4, Honiton Town 7.
N Poppleford 2, Tedburn St Mary 3.
University 6, Bampton 2.
DIVISION FOUR
Otterton 2, Morchard Bishop 5.
Pinhoe 1, Kentisbeare 3.
Priory 0, Uplowman Athletic 2.
Sampford Peverell 1, University 3.
Sandford 4, Ottery St Mary 0.
Thorverton 2, St Martins 1.
DIVISION FIVE
Alphington 3, Starcross Gen 4.
Beer Albion 4, South?Zeal Utd 3.
Crediton Utd 3, Millwey Rise 0.
Royal Oak 2, Awliscombe Utd 1.
Whipton &Pin 4, North Tawton 2.
Winchester 4, Feniton 0.
DIVISION SIX
Halwill 6, Dunkeswell Rovers 1.
Winkleigh 6, Stoke Hill 3.
DIVISION SEVEN
Ch Fitzpaine 2, K&M Polonia 0.
Colyton 1, Ilminster Town 4.
Cranbrook 1, Bickleigh 0.
H T Dons 2, Exmouth Spar 5.
DIVISION EIGHT
Amory Green Rov 2, Bradninch 5.
Bampton 0, Axminster Town 5.
Bravehearts 6, N Poppleford 2.
Queens Head 4, Sandford 1.
Seven Stars Ken 1, Lapford 8.
Upottery 2, Kentisbeare 1.
DIVISION NINE
Chagford 2, East Budleigh 2.
Feniton 2, Honiton Town 5.
St Martins 3, Witheridge 2.
Tedburn St Mary 0, Millwey Rise 1.

FIXTURES
Saturday, January 21st
PREMIER
Beer Albion v Okehampton Argyle
Bow AAC v Exmouth Amateurs
Clyst Valley v Elmore
Hatherleigh Town v Feniton
Heavitree United v Topsham Town
Newton St Cyres v Newtown
Upottery v Honiton Town
DIVISION 1
Alphington v Exmouth Town
Colyton v Sidmouth Town
Cronies v Lyme Regis
University v Bickleigh
Wellington Town v Witheridge
DIVISION 2
Axmouth United v Dawlish United
Chagford v Heavitree United
Halwill v Lympstone
Lapford v Newtown
Tipton St Joghn v Cullompton Rangers
University v Dawlish
Woodbury v Budleigh Salterton
DIVISION 3
Axmister Town v University
East Budleigh v Bampton
Exmouth Amateurs v Tedburn St Mary
Honiton Town v Newton Poppleford
Perry Street v Clyst Valley
DIVISION 4
Kentisbeare v St Martins
Morchard Bishop v Pinhoe
Otterton v Ottery St Mary
Sandford v Thorverton
University v Priory
Uplowman Athletic v Countess Wear Dynamoes
DIVISION 5
Feniton v Royal Oak
Millwey Rise v Awliscombe United
Newton St Cyres v North Tawton
South Zeal v Alphington
Starcross Generals v Crediton United
Winchester v Beer Albion
DIVISION 6
Central v Hemyock
Elmore v Winkleigh
Exwick Village v Halwill
Offwell Rangers v Dunkeswell Rovers
Stoke Hill v Silverton
Tivvy Park Rangers v Hatherleigh Town
DIVISION 7
Bickleigh v Ilminster Town
Cranbrook v Woodbury
K&M Polonia v Colyton
Seaton Town v Exmouth Amateurs
Sidmouth Town v Cheriton Fitzpaine
Wellington Town v H T Dons
DIVISION 8
Axminster Town v Bradninch
Bampton v Amory Green Rovers
Newton Poppleford v Seven Stars Kennford
Queens Head v Upottery
DIVISION 9
Amory Green Rovers v Millwey Rise
Central v Chagford
Tedburn St Mary v St Martins
Witheridge v East Budleigh
FOOTBALL EXPRESS CUP
Lyme Regis v Whipton & Pinhoe (2pm)

Wednesday, January 25th
EAST DEVON SENIOR CUP
Exmouth Town v Sidmouth Town (7.30pm)

SW Peninsula League Division One (E)

AFTER a weekend off, in which results elsewhere saw them slip a place to sixth, AXMINSTER TOWN return to action next Saturday with a trip to Foxhole to face Totnes & Dartington (3pm ko).

tee-off golf round-up

New captain installed

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*
THE Ladies section played a par competition over 15 holes and, despite some very windy conditions, Margaret Kenchington took first place with a level par score. Pauline Willis was second with +4 and in third was Jo Donmall with +5.

The winners of the recent Seniors' section Winter League match played was R Heard (hc 15) & D Sammons (hc 26) with 33 points. In second place, also with 33 points were T Jessup (hc 20) & A Bishop (hc 23).

A Morgan (hc 15) & J Hanna (hc 21) were third with 30, but on the same score were M Swann (hc 27) and W Polley (hc 16) to share third place on countback. A Morgan and D Evans both carded 2s.

Finally, John Hanna (hc 21) took top spot with a net 73 in last Friday's Seniors' January Medal Competition. Geoff Wake (hc 13) was second with a net 75 and Mick Swann (hc 26) was third with a net 76 despite taking 12 shots on one hole.

The Mens section played their Anchor/Dolphin Cup, stableford format, recently with first place on the back 9 going to Simon Vincent with 38pts. In second was Ian Burraston also with 38 and in third was Paul Clode with 36. Alan Morgan, Mark Hubbard, Geoff Greenslade and Bill Kitchen all recorded 2s.

The Ladies section played the third of their Winter League over 15 holes. Barbara Cummings was first with 27pts on countback from Margaret Kenchington. Stella Thompson was third with 24 on countback from Helen Kenworthy.

The Seniors section played their January Quarterly Cup match, stableford format over 15 holes which, was keenly contested and was ultimately won by Adrian Bishop (HC 23) with 33 points.

In second was Phil Christmas (HC22) with 32 and in third with 30 each were, Nick Povey (HC17), Rob Heard (HC13) and Geoff Wake (HC15). John Mant, Nigel Garwood and David Evans all carded 2s.

The golf was followed by the Seniors AGM where out-going Captain Bob Graham handed over the reins to Dave Bruce.

The election of officers was completed with the exception of a nomination of a new Vice Captain.

Also, the 2016 individual trophy awards were presented including an award to Adrian Bishop as the Most Improved Seniors Player of the Year.

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson
THE grim forecast on Monday, which eventually matured into heavy rain did not deter 32 Senior golfers who entered the Canadian Greensomes competition.

Although several of the 16 teams decided not to complete the 18 holes.

Result: 1st Bob Barrow & Ian Fielder 41 points, 2nd Martin Bargery & Phil Dewar 38, 3rd Martin Leigh & Barrie Heath 38.

The better weather on Wednesday enticed 40 Seniors to to play in a 4 Ball Better Ball competition.
Half of the 20 teams had scores in excess of 40 points. Despite playing with a handicap reduction of 10 per cent, George Wallace & Clive Fisk set the pace with 47 points which proved to be beyond any other pairing.

A hard fought contest between Chris Gingell & Bert Robinson and Nick Clarke & Maurice Arnold proved to be the excitement of the day. With the latter pair two points ahead on the 18th tee, a fine nine iron shot Chris Gingell set up his birdie to level the scores and claim

second place by virtue of the better back 9.

Result; 1st George Wallace & Clive Fisk 47 points, 2nd Chris Gingell & Bert Robinson 45, 3rd Nick Clarke & Maurice Arnold 45.

Sadly, the foul weather on Friday brought about a postponement of the fifth round of the Winter League programme.

Strong scrum thwarted

Kingsbridge 17 Chard 10
CHARD travelled to Kingsbridge confident of securing a good result, but despite leading right up to the brink of half time it was not to be.

In a game lacking much subtlety, both sides looked to use the sideways slope of the pitch and kicked for territory whenever possible.

After a frantic first 10 minutes with both sides looking for bragging rights in the contact area, the tone of the game was set at the first scrum.

Chard had a clear upper hand in the set scrum with the front row of Biss, Robinson and Mainwaring clearly in control, but Kingsbridge were constantly allowed to wheel the scrum making it difficult for scrumhalf Johnson to get the ball cleanly away to his backs, negating any advantage Chard should have gained from their superiority.

Chard did take the lead midway when captain Ryan Helliar was driven over the line following good forward play, the try was converted by John Humphries to give Chard a 7–0 lead. They looked to be in control with fly half Naani gaining ground with his tactical kicking.

Chard tried to play their expansive game but the backs were finding it difficult to make any clean line breaks, it looked as if the score would remain the same to half time.

But a clearance kick by Kingsbridge was not cleanly collected and the chasing players were able to put pressure on the Chard back line, out of nowhere the ball broke free and was hacked towards the Chard line and the race to touchdown was won by a Kingsbridge player under the posts, the try was converted and the game went to half time level at 7–7.

In the second half the hosts upped their game and gave very little opportunity for Chard to build attacks, also Chard became increasingly confused by refereeing decisions which stopped them gaining any momentum.

As Kingsbridge attacked Chard were finding it difficult to clear their lines properly and the scrums became a lottery as Chard continued to dominate but were not allowed to gain any advantage.

◆ **NO WAY THROUGH:** Warren Lewis and Conner Moon gang up on usual team mate Mark Cornelius (green shirt). *Photo by KEITH RENDELL*

Eventually, after a series of attacks close to the Chard line,the home side were able to spin the ball wide and found an overlap to score their second try and take the lead, this was converted to make the score 14–7.

The final quarter saw the game lose any shape and a penalty to Kingsbridge allowed the home side to lead 17–7.

Chard did regain some territory and a rare attack saw them rewarded with a penalty by Humphries made the final score 17–10 which gave Chard a single losing bonus point.

Chard 2nd XV victorious in local derby

Chard 2nd XV 57 Martock 0
AFTER the news that Cheddar were not coming to play the 3rd XV the only match at home was Chard 2nd XV's against Martock where it soon emerged that the visiting team only had five players! But with typical Chard spirit the boys from the 3rd team volunteered to pull on a green jersey to make up the numbers.

From the kick off Chard pinned the opposition in their own 22 and it wasn't long before a drive pushed the ball over the line for the first converted try though Paul Wright.

Five more tries coming from the home side giving them the bonus point and giving Martock a mountain to climb.

At half time the captains agreed to even things up and Paul Wright and Richard Cornelius swapped sides and Ryan Wingate returned to the Chard side after being out since injuring his knee early in the season.

Chard continued to put Martock under pressure with more tries coming from captain Billy Brookes and number 8 Warren Lewis among others as the score reached 57–0.

Chard finished the game with five points but the real winner was local rugby with both Chard and Martock rallying around to make sure a game went ahead.

Meanwhile, **Chard Colts** took a squad of 21 to Cheddar, but found out on the way the hosts were short of numbers, so two even sides were made up and turned the game in to a friendly.

Cheddar were very appreciative of the Chard approach and the teams produced a great match. Harry Cleal and Max Mainwaring shared man of the match, with 'Chard' coming out on top by six tries to three.

Chard should be awarded a bonus point win due to Cheddar not fielding a full side.

angling ilminster aa

Win takes Cox third

ELEVEN Ilminster AA members recorded some good weights in round seven of the Royal Oak League on the River Isle on Sunday.

Rob Cox had the top weight of the day with a cracking net of chub and roach on the pole and caster from peg 124a at Isle Brewers.

Graham Field was second with lots of small fish for 10lb 8oz from peg 128 and Jamie Rich was third with 8lb 7oz of mainly roach on the pole and caster from the first peg below the road at Hambridge.

After seven matches Field and Rich lead the league with nine points followed by Cox (11) and Steve Parker (13).

Round six of the V.E.S. Precision League is on Sunday and the draw is at Upper Coxes at 8.30am, for those that want breakfast, meet at the Little Chef at 7.45am.

Sections; A – Steve Hurford (Ilminster) 4lb 13oz, B – Baz Morgan (Somerset Angling) 5lb 6oz.

netball honiton league

Flamingos go top

THE start of the New Year after the Christmas break and the top two sides in Division One locked horns.

Earlier in the season undefeated Hi Q had won the previous fixture against Flamingos by two goals. The game started well for Hi Q with an early 6-2 lead and at half way they were 9-6 up with Jaz Chester in good form.

In the third period it was all change as Flamingos rallied with Katie Corbin in fine form and, going into the final period, they lead 15-11.

The final period saw a Hi Q fight back, but they came up just short 18-19 and Flamingos went top because on goal difference.

When Otters and Toucans Chicks had met earlier in the season the Chicks had come out on top, but the Otters who gained revenge with a 36-22 victory thanks to a fine display from Tracey Moran. Zoe Kidson was the star for the Chicks.

HNC Hot Shots made it a double over Signs South West with Lucy Bekswinka playing well in their 34-27 win whilst Holly Loader turned in a good performance for SSW.

The final game of the night saw Ford &Pentecost Panthers beat Howden Hawks for the second time this campaign, but the Hawks did enough to gain a point from their 18-25 defeat thanks to some good play from Bea Bandyszewska. Sara Pearce was the pick of the Panthers.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Flamingos	10	240	28
Hi Q	10	215	28
Sidmouth T Chicks	8	111	18
Otters	8	31	17
HNC Hot Shots	9	-57	17
F & P Panthers	9	-58	14
Howden Hawks	9	-295	2
Signs SW	9	-187	2*

Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth Toucans	9	93	25
Tip Top Trees	9	47	25
Blackdown	9	74	23
Otter Valley	9	62	19
JD Tyres	9	-4	12
Beer Blazers	9	-53	11
Pixies	9	-98	10
Swaggermamas	9	-121	10

on the fronter around the local skittles leagues

Colyton

Mike Sansom Nomination Trophy Final - Winner: Clifford Every (Vine A)59, Runner-up:- Malcolm Wheaton (Hon Con D)54, A Deen (Three Tuns BTP)53, M Summers (Red Lion Cavaliers)51, C Hutchings (Eagle Tavern)48, A Hurford (Kingfisher B)43, B Pike (Colcombe A)38, D Park (Seaton fc B)37, C Miller (Red Lion A)36, O Boatwright (Red Lion Sid)35, M Clode (Rising Sun B)28, D Dower (Tuckers A)26, P Beviss (Cloakham B)26, R Hartley (Hon WMC A)21, B Dicks (Lamb B) 9.

Div 1; Lamb B 342 (C Moulton 60) Red Lion A 334 (C Miller 71); Axminster Con A 356 (G Stuckey 75) New Inn A 351 (D Jones 72); Tuckers Arms B 368 (P Strawbridge 69) Honiton Con D 346 (S Tratt 67); Gerrard A 348 (R Gay, M Johnson 60) Seaton FC A 370 (M Pavey 67); Colyton Club A 346 (R Tedbury 66) Vine B 342 (G Wright 65); Colcombe A 452 (R Parsons 92) Cloakham B 428 (M Enticott 86); Red Lion Cavaliers 388 (M Summers, W Phillips 76) Lamb A 362 (S Pomeroy, P Pomeroy 68).
Div 2; Eagle Tavern 395 (B Hutchings 77) Offwell A 349 (D Spragg 72); Honiton WMC A 343 (S Pye 67) Sidbury Stones 325 (R Chambers 60); Vine A 343 (P Eveleigh 65) Volunteer A 319 (M Turner 60); Tuckers A 360 (J Gostling, M Huskins 68) Kings Arms Beers 356 (J Gladstone 66); Dolphin Vikings 358 (M Newton 65) Gerrard B 388 (C Trivett 69); Wheelwright A 304 (Paul Squires 59) Honiton Converts 317 (S Lapping 62); Ship C 360 (B Webber 63) Colcombe Beerboys 355 (S Bartlett 68).
Div 3; White Hart B 325 (N Pritchard, P Bowler 63) Red Lion Sidbury 350 (O Boatwright 70); Cloakham Wanderers 351 (E Barnes 69) Colcombe B 358 (T Yates 67); Three Tuns BTP 286 (A Deen 54) Vine Nomads 317 (P Norman 60); Sidbury Village Inn 349 (J Smith 67) Wilmington Harts 368 (J Woollacott 70); Volunteer B 324 (Caroline Canniford, N Broom 63) Mountbatten Whites 298 (A Webb 55).
Div 4; Honiton Con A 357 (M Richards 70) Tuckers Arms C 312 (R Dare 56); Honiton ConArtists 355 (M Joslin 64) Axminster Inn A 338 (A Beer 62); Rising Sun A 358 (A Baldwin, B Venn 63) Winstons A 339 (M MacGarrigle 65); Kings Arms A 316 (R Allen 69) Rising Sun B 333 (M Clode 63); New Inn B 327 (D Hodder 60) Honiton WMC B 318 (G Hart 69); Seaton FC B 338 (D Park 63) Heathfield A 342 (M Philipps 66).
Div 5; Offwell B 392 (R Hembrow 69) Kingfisher B 382 (B Dowell 73); Winstons KOOTS 333 (J Miles 61) Tuckers Arms D 344 (D Jowett 69); Honiton Con Raiders 351 (S Eveleigh,N Foster 63) White Hart A 365 (B Parr 67); Seaton Bowling club 305 (T Hurley-Smith 61) Sidmouth Arms Kings 284 (S Fuller, J Johnson 52).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Cavs	14	24
Axe Con A	14	21
New Inn A	14	20
Gerrard A	14	19
Vine B	14	18
Tuckers Arms B	14	17
Colyton Club A	14	15
Lamb B	14	14
Honiton Con D	14	12
Seaton AFC A	14	12
Colcombe A	14	8
Red Lion A	14	8
Cloakham B	14	4
Lamb A	14	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Vine A	14	22
Volunteer A	14	20
Offwell A	14	18
Sidbury SC Stones	14	18
Ship C	14	15
Dolphin Vikings	14	14
Wheelwright A	14	14
Honiton WMC A	14	13
Eagle Tavern	14	12
Colcombe Beerboys	14	11
Gerrard B	14	11
Honiton Converts	14	10
Tuckers Arms A	14	9
Kings Arms Beers	14	8

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Wilmington Harts	12	16
Cloakham Wanderers	11	14
Volunteer B	12	14
Vine Nomads	11	13
Sidbury Village Inn	12	13
Mountbatten Whites	12	12
White Hart B	12	12
Red Lion Sidbury	12	11
Kingfisher A	11	10
Three Tuns BTP	11	8
Colcombe B	12	8
Ship A	10	6

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	12	22
Kings Arms A	12	16
Honiton WMC B	12	15
Heathfield A	12	14
Axe Inn A	12	13
Honiton Con A	12	11
New Inn B	12	11
Winstons	12	11
Rising Sun B	12	10
Seaton AFC B	12	8
Honiton Con Artists	12	6
Tuckers Arms C	12	6

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	11	20
Colyton Club B	11	18
Offwell Rejects	12	16
Seaton Bowling	12	14
Sidmouth Arms Kings	12	14
Dolphin B	11	12
Winstons Koots	12	12
Kingfisher B	12	10
White Hart A	12	10
Heathfield B	11	8
Tuckers Arms D	12	4
Honiton Con Raiders	12	2

Axminster

Division One	Pld	Pts
B & Gs	14	22
Ax Con Club Rebels	14	22
Lamb Spartans	14	20
Thorncombe B	14	18
Wooton Cowboys	14	16
Tuckers C	14	16
Red Lion Red Devils	14	14
Sidmouth Arms (Upottery)	14	14
The Feds (Kingfisher)	14	12
Green Army	14	10
Old Inn Kilmington A	14	10
Red Lion D	14	10
Thorncombe Drifters	14	8
Gerrard D	14	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	14	20
Thorncombe C	13	20
Wooton Sherberts	14	20
Axe Inn Jokers	13	18
New Inn Kilmington C	14	16
Tuckers Maggots	14	16
Colcombe A	14	14
New Inn Kilmington A	13	12
White Hart Warriors	12	10
Cloakham Stars	13	10
White Hart Wilmington A	13	10
Red Lion C	10	8
Gerrard A	13	6
Lamb A	14	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Gerrard B	13	18
Old Inn Kilmington B	12	16
Axminster Inn B	11	16
Axminster FC IV	13	14
King Wingers	12	14
Axminster Halfcuts	12	14
Axe Con Club A	13	14
Axminster Inn A	13	13
Axminster FC A	12	12
Kings Arms Seaton A	11	10
Axminster FC B	12	6
White Hart Wilmington B	11	6
Colcombe B	13	5

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49s	13	21
Lamb Shanks	13	16
Colcombe Nomads	12	16
Seaton Bowling Club	10	14
New Inn Hawks	13	14
Winston Wobblers	13	13
Bev's Boys	9	12
Kingfisher A	13	12
Gerrard C	12	10
Ship Rotary	12	8
Bottle Inn	12	8
White Hart Colyford	10	6
Tuckers Y	12	4

Ladies League

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	11	18
Wotnots	10	18
Seaton Bowling Club	11	16
Colcombe Girls	11	12
Red Lion A	11	12
Rousdon Ladies	11	11
Colcombe A	10	10
New Inn A	11	9
Bees Knees	10	7
Gerrard Guzzlers	11	7
New Inn B	10	4
Thorncombe Newtops	11	4

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
White Hart Wilmington A	12	16
Tuckers Arms B	12	16
Battle Axes	12	15
Cloakham A	12	14
B & Js	12	12
Seaton FC	11	12
Gerrard A	11	12
Colcombe B	12	11
Tuckers Arms A	12	10
Thorncombe A	11	8
Red Lion Rabble	10	8
Colcombe Angels	12	8
Axe Inn Allsorts	11	8

Crewkerne & District

Divisional Cup R1 (Jan 27th);
Div 1; Royal Oak v Rollers, King Willy Dogs v Super Sexy Six, Football Club v Lost Boys, Coachmen v Sports 92.
Div 2; Hillbillies v Ugly Ducklings, Muppets v perrot Monkeys, Fryers v Raptors, Loud & Proud v Rugrats.
Div 3; Rotary v Admiral 6, Likely Lads v Willy Low Flyers, Kings Men v Sandbaggers, Royal Chokers v DBST.
President's Cup QF; Perrott Monkeys 234 Brewers Bees 224, Super Sexy Six 240 Concorde 234, Chis Colts 263 Sports 92 263 (Sports 92 won two-hand ply-off 86-80), Lost Boys 265 Royal Chiockers 272.
President's Plate QF; Muppets 254 DBST 270, IOdd Bobs 267 Admiral 6 269, Ugly Ducklings 253 Pinbusters 269, Football Club w/o v Willy Low Flyers.

bowls honiton

Ladies in nationals last 16

HONITON Ladies have reached the last 16 in the national Vivienne Trophy where they will play North Wilts *writes Julie Grant.*

Last week they claimed a hard fought 54–51 victory over ISCA winning on two rinks. The best triple, playing away, were Julia Locke, Laraine Carless & Heather Chambers 18–7.

The men also enjoyed wins last week. In their Over 60s match against AXMINSTER Honiton won 85–82. Top rink was Fred Cowey, Barrie Singleton, Bill Nicholls & Terry House 25–16.

There was also a 44–36 win in the friendly against MADEIRA; top triple John Mabbutt, Ted Cox & Barry Randall 20–7.

Unfortunately the men did lose narrowly 77–72 to DEVON VICE PRESIDENTS. Honiton's best were Ted Cox, Mike Critchley, Jimmy Smith & Gerry Stafrace with a 20–20 draw.

Honiton's mixed friendly saw a 102–54 win against OTTERY ST MARY where the two top rinks were Harry Riley, Tony Williams, Laraine Carless & Eddie Sharman 27–11 and Ian Mackintosh, Elizabeth Fielding, Andrew Lowe & Cyril Dann 31–15.

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Hot Shots	10	87
Why	10	74
Mighty Oaks	10	66
King Willy	8	57
Crusaders	10	52
Jokers	9	51
Cats Eyes	9	41
Happy Hooters	8	38
Wafty Crankers	8	33
Clubbers	8	22
Madrid Reserves	8	18

Highest get out; L.Gosney 158.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Professionals	9	59
The Dart Side	8	57
Rosie's Rebels	8	56
Who Knows	9	52
The Bandits	8	44
Pigs on Tour	7	43
Del Boys	8	42
Double Trouble	7	38
Job Lot Crew	8	21
Globetrotters	6	17

Highest get out; J.Adams 145.

darts chard & district

Premier Division	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	7	132
Rejects Return	6	115
Hobnobs	7	89
BDBs	6	83
Wanderers	5	72
Crusaders	5	63
Happy Sharks	6	60
Hopefuls	6	49

Most 180s; L.Cox x4, P.Lawrence & S.Rutter both x3, G.Knight, & G.Hill both x2, nine players x1.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	7	84
Pop Darts	7	77
Down's	7	77
Random Tossers	7	73
Pirates	8	67
PAs	7	62
Cult of Personality	7	61
Nice Ricks	7	59
Pig Jockeys	7	53

Most 180s; S.Castle x2, 12 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Madhouse Crew	7	82
HRT	6	76
Happy Days	7	70
Stumpy's Gang	6	65
Dizzy Tarts	5	52
No skill, just lucky	6	52
The Haymaker	6	36
Two minute crew	5	31

Most 180s; A.Pidgeon x1

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Greg carries form into new year

RESULTS: Colyton ExCons 3+0 Chard Casuals 3+4, Honiton Wonderers 6+0 Honiton WMC 0+0, Sidmouth Cons 2+4 Colyton TC 4+0.

At Colyton, Greg Jones' inconsistency continued. Despite losing in the opening frame to Chard Casuals' C graded player, he followed this in the second frame with a beautifully crafted 39 break which was terminated by a missed black with the cue ball in amongst the pack.

At Honiton there were no surprises in the top versus bottom match as runaway league leaders Honiton Wonderers inflicted a 6-0 whitewash on lowly Honiton WMC.

Finally, at Sidmouth the team from the Conservative Club continue to improve registering two won frames both with bonus points against visitors Colyton TC.

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	8	45
Chard Casuals	8	25
Colyton ExCons	8	22
Colyton Feds	7	21
Colyton TC	7	20
Sidmouth Cons	8	15
Honiton WMC	8	14

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	8	45
Chard Casuals	8	43
Colyton Feds	7	29
Sidmouth Cons	8	27
Colyton TC	7	26
Colyton ExCons	8	22
Honiton WMC	8	22

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Evening D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	6	10
Sidbury Whites	4	7
Sidbury	5	6
Colyton	6	5
Upottery	4	4
Musbury	5	4
Seaton	6	2

Evening D2	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	8	10
West Hill	6	9
Uffculme	7	8
Sidbury Reds	7	7
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Colyton B	6	1

Afternoon D1	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	7	10
Colyton	7	8
Upottery	7	7
Beer	5	5
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Seaton Yellow	6	3

Afternoon D2	Pld	Pts
St Teresa's	7	8
Seaton Blue	6	8
Combe St Nicholas B	6	7
Chard	7	6
Sidford Blue	6	5
Lyme Regis	6	4

Afternoon D3	Pld	Pts
Hemyock B	7	8
Musbury	6	8
Seaton Green	6	7
Colyton B	6	6
Combe St Nicholas A	6	6
Sidford White	5	1

starter's orders running news

Night run holds no fears for AVRs

THREE intrepid Axe Valley Runners set off late on Saturday afternoon to experience their first night run in Haldon Forest.

With head torch batteries charged and 'hi viz' gear on, Isla Hart (aged 5) finished 10th in the in the under 8s race which was an off road dash through the forest over a distance of 1k.

Canny Hart and Gillian Peach were amongst the 291 runners who took on the 10k challenge in dropping night time temperatures and chilly westerly winds, running deep into the forest and weaving their way stealthily through the darkness.

The pair faced some challenging muddy conditions with a couple of very steep accents.

A technical glitch caused some confusion with finishing times, but preliminary results saw Gillian Peach taking second place in the 10k Female - Vet 50 category and Canny Hart finishing 7th in Female - Vet 40.

The 10 mile OH MY OBELISK at Dawlish race attracted four AVR's with Matt Hewer finishing the first AVR, 15th overall, Eleanor Wood completed in 1:41, Steve Haines 1:43 and Kelly Stamp 1:49.

Last Wednesday was the fourth event of the SEATON WINTER 5K SERIES. Adam Hennessey from Honiton was this month's winner with a new course PB of 18:46. The first AVR was Matt Hewer who was third in 19:08 followed by Garry Perratt 4th, 20:08; James Ashforth fifth, 21:15; Chris Keeffe sixth, 21:27 and Fran Hodson setting a female course record in 23:31. There are two more races left in the series on the Wednesday, February 2nd and in March.

Fresh from his Axmouth Challenge win last week, Kevin Hawker powered around the SEATON PARKRUN course on Saturday to win in 18:20 with Graham Reeves of SWRR second, 19:01 and Adam Hennessey of Honiton RC third, 19:30. Ellie Dominey was the ladies winner, seventh overall in 20:08.

◆ **GREAT FUN**: Canny Hart and Isla Hart pictured with Gillian Peach and Albert the Whippet, at the Haldon Forest night run.

football extra

Blues stroll

Ilminster Ladies 4 Team Mendip 0
South West (Eastern) Division

ILMINSTER Ladies took on bottom of the league Team Mendip with numbers were limited once again, due to holidays and injuries. They brought in the experienced Hayley Francis back into the team to play between the sticks and there were call ups for Amy Goss, Molly Bidgood and Emma Jennings.

Ilminster started well and created numerous chances in the early stages.

They finally broke the deadlock in the 20th minute when Shannon Crouch got on the end of a Sarah Miller through ball and showed good perseverance before slotting the ball into the corne.

The Blues lead was doubled just before half time with Crouch once again on the score sheet.

A superb 20-yarder from Maisie Poole made it 3-0 early in the second period and the points were in the bag for Ilminster.

The scoring was rounded off two minutes later when Crouch completed her hat-trick after more good work from Player-of-the match Miller.

The Ilminster Ladies' next game is on Sunday the away at Cheltenham Town.

◆ **FLICK**: Dec Ellis (black/white shirt) guides home a header to put Uplyme Reserves 2-1 ahead in Saturday's Perry Street League Division Three match against Thorncombe Reserves at Venlake. But the Thorns powered back to win 3-2.
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

hockey chard

Last fightback foils Chard celebrations

Dart A 3 Chard A 3
SE 2 Division

CHARD missed out on doing the double over Dart after conceding two goals in the last five minutes and having to settle for a share of the spoils, after appearing to have the game in the bag.

Chard took the lead with their first meaningful attack, Trevor Goss finding James Spurdle down the right wing, the latter crossing to Justin Green whose shot deflected off one defender and then hit another before the ball trickled over the line.

Buoyed by this, Chard then went close to increasing their advantage, with the Dart goal leading a charmed life through three scrambles within a few feet of the net.

Chard were left to rue their inability to add to their tally as Dart broke fast and equalised with a free flowing move and the tide of the first half turned with Chard forced to fight hard not to concede again.

It was through a breakaway of their own that the lead was restored five minutes before half-time.

Another move down the right resulted in the ball coming to Harvey Dening who ran across the D and made space to lash in a reverse stick shot which was in the back of the net before the keeper could move.

The balance of the game shifted once more with Chard looking confident and Dart deflated.

When Dening supplied another cross from the backline Nick Parkinson put Chard 3-1 up ten minutes into the second half. Dart then missed a penalty flick awarded from their first attack after the restart and things were looking good for the visitors.

Chard went agonisingly close to extending their lead on two further occasions, the ball pinging around the Dart D as the shots rained in but the keeper and defenders somehow managed to hold fgirm.

In the final quarter hour both teams tired. However, when Dart scored from a penalty corner with five minutes to go, they suddenly found some extra energy and Chard were having to defend deep but appeared to have the situation under control.

That was until the questionable award of another penalty corner with a minute remaining. Dart's corner receiver managed to step round an initial challenge creating space to fire in their third goal with the last action of the match.

***Chard**: R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, M Kane, S Mahoney, J Goddard, J Spurdle (capt), N Parkinson, T Goss, J Green, T King, H Dening.*

Table	Pld	GD	Pts
Tiverton	10	74	28
Exerter Uni F	10	60	27
CHARD A	10	9	18
CHARD B	9	-6	15
East Devon C	9	-16	12
Minehead B	10	-28	12
West Dorset A	9	14	11
Dart A	10	-12	10
Taunton Vale D	10	-38	4
ECV Hornets B	9	-29	3

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS; Feniton Soc B 5 Feniton Soc A 3, Honiton Inn B 2 New Fountain 6, Thirsty Farmer 4 Vine Inn B 4, Vine Inn A 4 Workingmens B 4, Workingmens A 2 Blacksmith Arms 6.

Captains Cup; Audrey Hawkins 0 Julie Davis 1, Brenda Flood 1 Hedley Hawkins 0, Lorraine White 1 Steve Pettitt 0, Maureen Pendrick 0 Julie Bath 1, Rita Freemantle 1 Lionel Hawkins 0.

Fixtures (Jan 19th); Blacksmith Arms v Workingmens B, Feniton Soc A v Honiton Inn B, Honiton Inn A v Feniton Soc B, New Fountain v Vine Inn A, Workingmens A v Thirsty Farmer.

Table	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	17	84
Vine Inn B	17	78
New Fountain	16	73
Vine Inn A	16	67
Thirsty Farmer	17	66
Workingmens B	16	63
Feniton Social B	16	62
Workingmens A	16	61
Feniton Social A	16	56
Honiton Inn B	16	55
Honiton Inn A	15	47

Captain's Cup	Pld	Pts
Lionel Hawkins	16	13
Julie Davis	16	10
Rita Freemantle	16	9
Brenda Flood	17	9
Julie Bath	16	8
Lorraine White	16	8
Hedley Hawkins	17	8
Mike Dent	15	7
Maureen Pendrick	16	7
Audrey Hawkins	16	6
Steve Pettitt	17	4

LYME REGIS

Results (*January 9th*); New Inn Kilm A 3 Lamb Swans 2, Nags Head 4 New Inn Kilm B 1, Dolphin Beer 4 Talbot Arms 1, Ship Inn LR 1 Gerrard Arms 4, Stepps 2 Ax Con Club 3.

Beer League; New Inn Kilm A 3 Lamb Swans 2, Nags Head 4 New Inn Kilm B 1, Dolphin Beer 4 Talbot Arms 1, Ship Inn LR 1 Gerrard Arms 4, Stepps 2 Ax Con Club 3.

Fixtures (Jan 23rd); Talbot Arms v Stepps, Gerrard Arms v Dolphin Beer, Lamb Swans v Ship Inn LR, New Inn Kilm B v New Inn Kilm A, Ax Con Club v Charlie's Angels.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	15	47
Gerrard Arms	15	42
Ship Inn, LR	15	38
Axminster Con Club	15	38
New Inn Kilm A	15	38
Dolphin, Beer	14	37
Lamb Swans	15	35
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	13	34
Charlie's Angels	14	34
Stepps	14	33
New Inn Kilm B	14	21

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	15	29
Stepps	14	25
New Inn Kilm B	14	24
Axminster Con Club	15	23
Lamb Swans	15	23
Charlie's Angels	14	22
Gerrard Arms	15	22
Ship Inn, LR	15	20
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	13	17
Dolphin, Beer	14	16
New Inn Kilm A	14	15

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Stars of the future grace Tiger Way

◆ **MAN IN THE MIDDLE:** Axminster-based referee Bryan Perryman (centre) had the honour of officiating at Friday's cup final

Bristol Rovers U16 2 Exeter City U16 1

FA SW Floodlit Cup Final

A CROWD of more than 300 braved the cold on Friday evening as Axminster Town played host to the South West midweek under 16 cup final between Exeter City and Bristol Rovers.

Exeter took the lead in the first half when a looped cross from the left reached the far post where it was a headed back across the goal and tipped onto the underside of the bar by the Rovers keeper, but the rebound eventually fell to Josh Williams who coolly side footed the ball into the corner on the half-volley.

However, some slack defending gifted Rovers their equalizer through Harry Warwick before half time.

The game was decided by a clinical break-away goal which ended with a weaving run across the Grecians' back line before ball was prodded to Phillips who guided it low into the far corner.

Axminster Town chairman Ray Self was pleased the Tigers were offered the chance to stage the game, he told *View Sport*: "It was nice to be able to promote and showcase our facilities. We've had the Exeter City lads visit us several times now, and they are convinced we have the best facilities in the region.

"They paid for the hire of the ground and the food and we made a decent amount on teas and over the bar.

"We are hopeful of hosting the Exeter City acadmy again next season."

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